

REBELS PLAN TO DESTROY CITY

RICHARD SIBRIAN DIES AT THE CITY PRISON.

He Was Locked Up in a Cell After His Skull Had Been Fractured.

Chief of Police Hodgkins Trying to Locate the Responsibility for His Death.

Richard Sibrian, aged 18 years, whose home was at 1524 Oak street, Alameda, died sometime last night or early this morning in the City Prison as the result of a fracture of the skull, which was occasioned by either a fall down stairs, which is most likely, or by a felonious blow from an enemy with whom he had a fight earlier in the evening, in which he broke the middle finger of the right hand, for which he was treated at the Receiving Hospital.

Shortly before receiving that treatment, Sibrian, while seated on a railing, fell backward down a flight of stairs on the southeast corner of Washington and Seventh streets.

SEARCH FOR COMPANIONS.

Detectives are now making an attempt to locate Sibrian's rendezvous during the last few hours of yesterday evening before he was placed in jail, as also to ascertain who were in his company during that period, to see whether or not the latter may not be responsible for the unfortunate young man's fate.

INVESTIGATION ABOUT RULES.

Sibrian's death will occasion an investigation by Chief Hodgkins to determine whether or not rule 17 of the police force was violated in Sibrian's case.

This rule, the Chief says, is intended to prevent prisoners' dying or suffering from illness or wounds while in the jail, which have a tendency to result in death.

The regulation in effect requires, when persons arrested are found unconscious or semi-unconscious, that fact shall be reported by the jail officers to the captain in command.

The Chief says he does not know whether such a report was or was not made by Officer Henderson, who was acting as jailor, and Officer Porgy, who was in charge of the patrol wagon, to Captain Peterson, who was in charge, the Chief presuming that Sibrian was unconscious when at the jail, because the accused was unable to give his name when placed on the jail register.

OBJECT OF RULE.

The rule was adopted to enable people, while appearing unconscious as supposed from drink, to be treated for serious illness or perhaps for injuries sustained by accident or felonious assault.

When Sibrian was taken to the morgue a TRIBUNE reporter discovered that two of the fingers of the dead man's hand were bandaged as if in treatment for a fracture of the middle digit.

HE IS IDENTIFIED.

Steward Borchert of the Receiving Hospital was notified of this fact and recalled that last evening, about 7:30 o'clock, he had treated a young man for such an injury. He went immediately to the morgue and recognized the deceased as Sibrian.

WANTED FINGER DRESSED.

Steward Borchert said that Sibrian was brought to the Receiving Hospital last night at 7:30 o'clock by Officer Porgy in the police patrol wagon. Sibrian at the time was not drunk, though it was evident he had been drinking. He was without money and said at one time that he had broken his finger in a fall at the corner of Seventh and Washington streets, and at another time that he had sustained his injury in a blow which he had struck an adversary.

Officer Porgy and Steward Borchert advised Sibrian to go home, because there was then no evidence that he was otherwise injured. If the skull was fractured in that fall, Sibrian made no complaint of it and gave no evidence of suffering from pain in the head.

The fracture, however, was found on the skull, slightly back of the top of the cranium, just where a fracture might be expected from a fall of the kind mentioned.

Steward Borchert's brother gave Sibrian 10 cents, which the latter promised to use in riding home.

One hour later Sibrian was found unconscious on the sidewalk near Surman & Clay's store at the corner of Thirteenth and Broadway and was taken by Officers Cockerton and Brown to the police station. He was then placed in a cell and that was the last seen of him alive.

Sibrian resided with his parents in Alameda. The inquest will be held next Tuesday night.

AMERICA WANTS TRADE.

Takes Hand in Getting Concessions in China and Corea.

United States Will Get a Share of the Business.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—The situation in the East has caused the officials of the State Department to renew their efforts to secure for the United States from China and Corea certain necessary trade advantages as embodied in the Chinese commercial treaty and in Minister Allen's demands upon the Corea Government before the crisis becomes more acute.

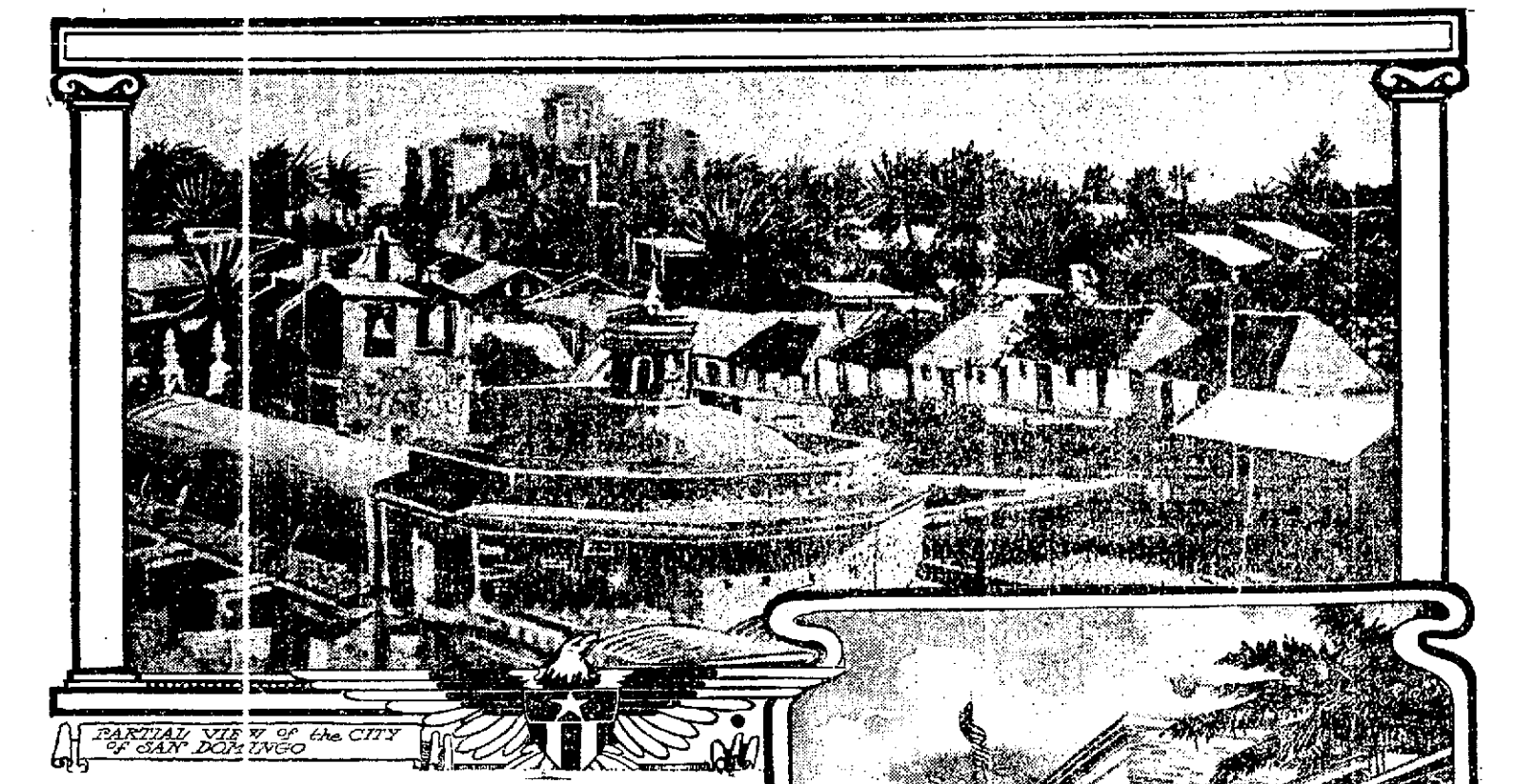
It is realized that should hostilities break out between Russia and Japan the resulting peace treaty probably would leave the United States and other neutral nations entirely outside of the pale of advantage in Corea and Manchuria, no matter which way the tide of victory turned.

Therefore the State Department is bringing pressure to bear upon the Chinese court to insure the speedy ratification of the treaty and as other nations have indirectly been given to understand in these negotiations, it is hoped that final ratification of the treaty may be exchanged in Washington within three months at the outside.

This will result in the opening to the United States of the trade of the ports of An Tung and Moukden in Manchuria.

Across the river from An Tung, in Corea territory, lies Wiju, and the State Department has promised Mr. Allen at Seoul to renew its pressure upon the Corea Government to secure the opening of that port to trade.

ANARCHY AND REVOLUTION IN SAN DOMINGO.



Insurgents Are Marching on the City and the People Are Greatly Alarmed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The Clyde line steamer New York arrived today from San Domingo, having been subjected to considerable delay in loading and discharging cargo at ports of the revolution-swept island.

Cabin passengers on board said that the whole country was in a turmoil of riot, anarchy and revolution within revolution.

Communication between ports, they said, was suspended, and all telegraph wires were down.

At Porto Plata, the home of Morales, the people were his ardent supporters.

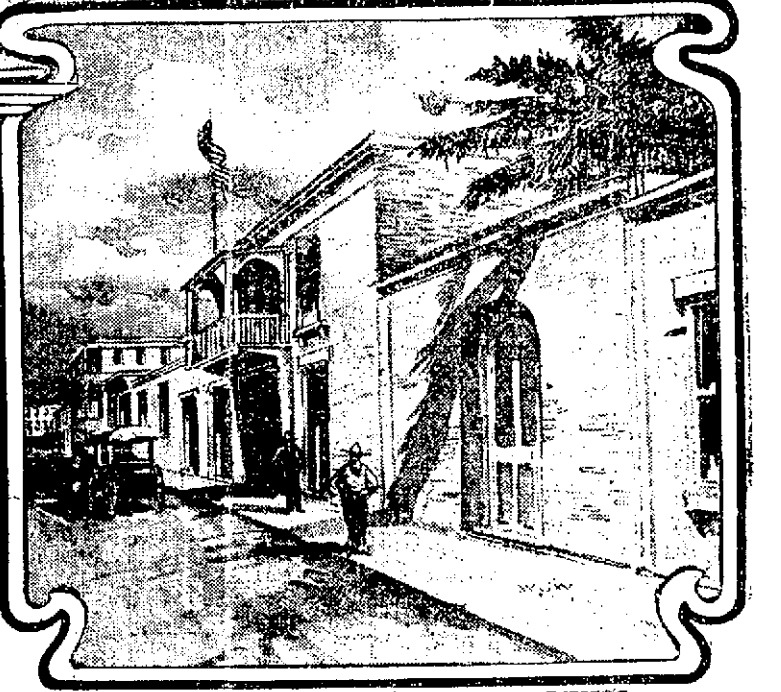
It was reported, until he went to San Domingo city, when a strong Jimenez party developed.

It was said that Morales would send the war vessels to bombard the town to put down the revolt.

MARCHING ON CITY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—United States Minister Powell reports to the State Department under yesterday's date from San Domingo, confirming the cable announcement that the town of Macoris has pronounced in favor of Jimenez and adding that troops from that place, under the insurgent flag, are marching on the city of San Domingo.

A great many arrests are being made at the capital, but otherwise everything is quiet.



AMERICAN CONSULATE IN SAN DOMINGO.

HE DID NOT LAND TROOPS

WASHINGTON, December 26.—The following cablegram reached the Navy Department today from Rear Admiral Coghlan at Colon:

"Atlanta did not land armed force in Colombian territory at any time for any purpose.

"Two officers landed as usual with swords at invitation of Colombian generals."

Admiral Coghlan also cabled the department that he would proceed to Cartagena with his flagship, the Olympia, at daybreak December 26 for the purpose of bringing Minister Beaupre to Colon on his way to the United States from Bogota on leave.

CLYDE LINER RAMMED AND GOES TO THE BOTTOM

BOSTON, December 26.—The Clyde line steamer Kiowa, inward bound from Jacksonville, Fla., and Charleston, S. C., was rammed and sunk by the steamer Admiral Dewey of the United Fruit Company, in Boston harbor today.

All on board the Kiowa, numbering 26 persons, were rescued by a tug.

The Kiowa, which was a passenger vessel, was of 2953 gross tonnage, 291 feet long, 43 feet beam and 20 feet deep, and was built this year at Philadelphia. The collision occurred in a blinding snow storm. The Admiral Dewey was outward bound for Port Antonio, Jamaica and Port Limon. The Admiral Dewey sustained practically no damage, and, after laying to for the purpose of assisting in the work of rescue, she proceeded to her destination.

FOUND HANGING IN A BOX CAR

ST. JOSEPH, December 26.—The dead body of Philip F. Wenz, secretary of the Wenz Shoe Company of St. Joseph, was found hanging by a wire from the roof of an empty box car in the railway yards here today. Relatives think foul play possible, as there were a number of bruises upon his body. He was prominent.

DETACHMENT TO GO TO PANAMA

ANNAPOLIS, Md., December 26.—A detachment of ninety-seven men, in charge of Captain William Hopkins and Lieutenant Kilgore, from the Naval Academy marine barracks, left here today for Philadelphia to join the United States ship Dixie for duty with the Panama battalion.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME AT SAN JOSE

SAN JOSE, Cal., December 26.—The dwelling house of P. O'Connor, an expressman, was partially destroyed by fire early this afternoon. Loss, \$700, some insurance.

D. H. Green, a liveryman, while fighting the fire, fell from the roof and was badly injured.

BRISK FIRE AT W. G. ELDER'S HOME.

Engines No. 5 and 8. Truck No. 1. Chemical No. 2 were called out about 2:30 o'clock this afternoon to a brisk fire in the attic and roof of the building at 1210 Telegraph avenue which is occupied as a residence by W. G. Elder, a wholesale grocer on Clay street. The premises are owned by Mrs. D. Barbakelata.

GONE TO KANSAS.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow has gone to Kansas for a few days.

TRANSPORT ARRIVES.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 26.—The United States naval transport Saturn arrived today from the northern coast with a cargo of coal.

TOLD WHY HE HAD A PISTOL.

HE WAS LOOKING FOR THE MAN WHO DESTROYED HIS HOME.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 26.—When J. B. Small, who drew his revolver and kept at bay a crowd of strike pickets and others in front of Johnson's restaurant, was called in Police Judge Fritz's court this morning it was testified that the man came here with his three children in pursuit of an ex-convict who ran away with his wife.

Small saw an advertisement for help and went to Johnson's restaurant to see if he could get work for his oldest girl, 14 years old. He was told a call again. When he went out the crowd began calling him "Scab!"

Small backed up against the wall, drew his revolver and shouted that he would shoot anybody who came near him. No one came nearer than the curb. Finally Small was arrested and charged with exhibiting a deadly weapon.

Detective Anthony went on the stand and told why Small carried the weapon. The court then promptly dismissed the case.

After Small had been released a well-dressed man came into court. He did not give his name, but said he wanted to give bail for Small, whom he did not know. When told that Small was free the would-be bondman said he was delighted, as he liked the spirit of the man.

SHOT HIMSELF IN EYE.

SAN FRANCISCO MAN DID NOT KNOW PISTOL WAS LOADED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—George Ortopp, clerk in Zomberg's grocery store at 735 Bush street, accidentally shot himself through the nose and in the left eye at 7:30 o'clock this morning. At that hour a boy entered and said he was going hunting tonight. He pulled a 32-caliber pistol from his pocket and handed it to Ortopp, who proceeded to examine it. Ortopp, broke the pistol and let four of the cartridges drop out. Then, under the impression that it was entirely unloaded, he pointed the barrel at his face and pulled the trigger.

The bullet passed through the bridge of the nose and lodged in the center of the eye, destroying its sight.

Ortopp was quickly removed to the Central Emergency hospital for treatment. An examination was made, but the bullet was not located.

The physicians say that he will entirely lose the use of that eye, but that no further injury will result.

WANTS TIME TO PLEAD.

MAN WHO KILLED MULDOON McDONALD NOT READY TO ANSWER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—William H. Atkins, the colored cook who yesterday murdered Charles McDonald, better known as "Muldoon" McDonald, the prize-fighter, was arraigned before Police Judge Cabaniss today.

He asked for time in which to retain an attorney before having his preliminary examination.

The case was therefore postponed until January 1th.

The prisoner says he acted in self defense.

NOT GUILTY OF MURDER

CORONER'S JURY FINDS THAT LOS ANGELES MAN FELL FROM BUILDING.

LOS ANGELES, December 26.—The coroner's jury in the case of Thomas Mack, who was killed by a fall from the roof of the St. Charles Hotel after being struck over the head with a chair in the hands of Thomas Finch, today returned a verdict to the effect that Mack came to his death as a result of the fall and not from the blow from the chair.

This clears Finch of the charge of murder but does not entirely exonerate him.

TRAINING SQUADRON IS ORDERED AWAY.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—Rear Admiral Wise, commanding the training squadron, has been ordered to take his ship from New Orleans to Pensacola, where they will spend some time in exercises. The work of the squadron has been interfered with by the recent festivities in which it has participated and for this reason it has been found necessary to decline the invitation from the city of Galveston for the squadron to visit there in January.

IMPROVEMENT CLUB HOLDS MEETING.

The North Adeline Improvement Club held an enthusiastic meeting at Sixtieth and Adeline streets Wednesday night and adopted resolutions favoring the immediate improvement of the streets in that vicinity and the laying of gas mains. It is desired particularly that Adeline, Grove, Fifty-seventh, Fifty-eighth and Sixtieth streets be macadamized and sidewalked.

BIG BUILDING DAMAGED BY FIRE.

NEW YORK, December 26.—The four-story building at Seventh avenue and Fifty-second street known as the West Side Lyceum, or Adelphi Hall, was damaged \$60,000 by fire today. While this fire was in progress another one broke out in a large apartment house in Columbus avenue, near Sixty-eighth street. The flames spread to two other apartment houses and all three buildings were badly damaged.

PANAMA REDUCES POSTAL RATES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Consul-General Gudgeon at Panama has notified this government that the republic of Panama has reduced its postal rates 50 per cent. The foreign rate for each 50 grammes or less is equivalent to four cents in United States money, and the domestic rate is the equivalent of two cents United States money.

TODAY'S RACES.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 26.—Ingleside results:

FIRST RACE (Futurity Course).

Romaine, 6 to 1.

Lady Blime, 8 to 1.

Helias, 12 to 1.

Time, 1:11.

SECOND RACE.

(Six Furlongs, Two-Year-Olds.)

Dr. Rowell, 13 to 1.

Caselle, 9 to 20.

Otto Stifel, 20 to 1.

Time, 1:15.

THIRD RACE—One mile and seventy yards.

El Oriente, 13 to 5.

Lunar, 5 to 2.

Milwaho, 5 to 1.

Time, 1:47.

DOES NOT LIKE HIS WIFE'S PISTOL HABIT.

Married life is too strenuous an affair for Bernard Valenzuela, a drummer, and today he brought a suit for divorce against Marie Valenzuela on the grounds of extreme cruelty. They have been married since 1889. The complaint sets forth that they were married in Sacramento.

For cause of action Valenzuela alleges that five years ago, without provocation, his wife discharged a loaded revolver at him while they were living in the former city. He dodged just in time and the bullet went wild. A year or so ago, he states that his wife went over to his mother's home on Union street in San Francisco and told his sister that she would shoot him on sight. He claims that living with a woman with the pistol habit keeps him uncomfortable and insists that he is being cruelly treated.

There are no children and no community property.

CHICAGO RATES ARE OUT OF SIGHT.

Republicans Do Not Like
Advance in Hotel
Prices.

May Lose the Convention
If Some Action is
Not Taken.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—There is grave and real danger of the city of Chicago losing the Republican national convention because of the exorbitant hotel rates which are being exacted there. A Northwestern member of Congress received a telegram from a Chicago hotel saying that he could have accommodations for \$20 a day and must contract for five days. Most features of the matter were secured in confidence last night. Today it is not a breach of confidence to say that the member in question was Representative Babcock of Wisconsin, and the telegram came from the Auditorium Hotel, and was for accommodations for which he had paid but \$5 a day frequently under ordinary conditions, as he frequently stops in Chicago and always at the Auditorium. That the matter is not viewed lightly by the Republican leaders is shown by the fact that Henry C. Payne, vice-chairman of the Republican national committee, who hails from Babcock's state, was so indignant over this alleged attempt at what he believed to be extortion that he telegraphed at once to Senator Hanna, chairman of the committee, who is now in New York City, drawing the conditions to his attention.

Much will depend upon what the real facts are found to be upon investigation. If it is found that the Chicago hotels are, as is indicated, in a combination to raise rates to an exorbitant extent, members of the national committee will not hesitate to insist that the committee hold another meeting and reconsider its action in giving Chicago the convention. The Auditorium Hotel is the selected headquarters for the national committee, and this complaint is the more bitter and loud in consequence. If Chicago should lose the convention there is every reason for believing that St. Louis would stand an excellent show of getting it.

Pittsburg was the most dangerous competitor of Chicago because of its \$100,000 cash offer, apparently, but now it is learned that, in spite of the complimentary vote she got, she has never been seriously considered. Members of the committee in discussing the subject today said that Pittsburg could not begin to accommodate the crowd which would come to a national convention. They said that the hotel accommodations of the town had not kept pace with its industrial development and that it was difficult at any and all seasons of the year to secure accommodations under ordinary conditions. As a matter of fact, there is but one really first-class hotel in Pittsburg, and that is located far away from the business and convention center and is taken up almost exclusively by the residents of the city.

The very excellent and bona fide offer on the part of St. Louis, made over the signatures of eight of her leading and responsible business men, will appeal strongly to members of the national committee if the matter is reconsidered.

WHAT HOTEL MEN SAY.
CHICAGO, Ill., December 26.—The report that Chicago hotels will attempt to charge exorbitant rates during the national Republican convention is denied by hotel men. Speaking generally, rates will be raised only to that point which will reimburse the hotels for the additional expense. To this end, and also that as many guests as possible be accommodated, the full capacity of rooms will be utilized. In most instances the matter will be equalized by charging the normal rate, but asking the "doubling up" system which hotel men admit is a familiar adjunct of conventions.

With regard to the rates of the Auditorium Hotel and the Auditorium Annex, H. H. Southgate, president of the Chicago Hotel Company, gave the following signed statement of charges:

"Rooms, with or without bath, one or two people, \$10 per day.
"Large rooms, which will accommodate four people, \$15 to \$20 per day.
"Mr. Southgate's statement concludes: 'Regarding the five-day contract, will say that there are rates for the time of occupancy of the rooms. The increased rate is made on account of having rooms secured in advance to keep contracts.'

The Great Northern Hotel, in a statement issued by John C. Rudy, its recent manager, puts its charges at \$3 to \$5 for a single room, one person. If this room has another occupant he will pay the same rate as if it were the sole occupant.

Statements containing in favor with the property owners of the Palmer House, Dr. Wellington, the Victoria, the Windsor, Croft and the Sherman House.

RELATIVES OF DEAD MEN WILL
BRING ACTION AGAINST
OFFICERS.

LOS ANGELES, December 26.—From a letter received here today by local attorneys from D. W. Cheliser, representing Eastern relatives of Joseph and Louis Cheliser of Equality, Ill., slain here by police officers, it is evident that court proceedings against the officers will follow.

"Criminal action against the officers will depend upon the determination of District Attorney Fredericks, but civil suits for damages are believed to be certain.
"More witnesses to the tragedy were interrogated at the district attorney's office this morning and the evidence corroborated that of others who testified that young Cheliser was unarmed when he was killed.
"The letter received from the Eastern relatives makes the claim that the Chelisers were guilty of no crime there, having only left a number of debts behind which they were amply able to pay.
"The writer states that the slain men always hitherto borne a good reputation.

SANTA SAVED THE CHILD.

WOMAN TOOK POISON INSTEAD
OF GIVING IT TO
LITTLE ONE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—"But mamma, if I want to see Santa Claus, I don't want to drink that medicine. Because you know Santa Claus has promised to bring me over so many things. But I'll take it after Christmas, mamma dear."

With her little chubby arms about her mother's neck seven-year-old Mabel Norton refused to drink a cup of calomel and her mother had to take her away from Santa Claus.

Clasping the child to her breast for some minutes and kissing her repeatedly, Mrs. Mary Norton lifted the cup to her lips, drained its contents and fell to the floor, writhing in agony.

When the father, Alfred E. Norton, a well-known contractor, took his little Mabel to his room at No. 1106 Fortieth street, Brooklyn, a few hours later, he found little Mabel leaning over the prostrate form of her mother, holding her pitiously to speak. But she was beyond speech.
"On the table lay a letter covered with words, which read:
"Good-bye, my dear. As we could not get along together it is best that I part with you and better wife when I'm gone. All the crosses are for kisses."
"Mrs. Norton has been in the contracting business in Brooklyn for many years, and is reputed to be wealthy. For some time Mrs. Norton has been in ill health, and it is feared her illness temporarily deranged her. So far as can be learned the family lived happily.

WILL DEDICATE PARK TO FATHER.

NEW YORK, December 26.—Announcement is made today of the purpose of James Gordon Bennett to buy one and a half acres of land to be dedicated to the public use and pleasure in memory of his father, the founder of the Herald. It will be located on the Boulevard, Lafayette and Broadway, north of One Hundred and Eighty-second street, and lands now owned by Mr. Bennett have been devoted to this end. Upon the highest elevation within its bounds will be raised a monument to James Gordon Bennett, the city.

OLD RESIDENT DEAD ON STREET.

ONE, Cal., Dec. 26.—Edward Klarn, a native of France, aged 50 years, an old resident of this place, was found dead on the street this morning.

TWO CHIMNEY FIRES.
The fire department was called twice this morning for chimney fires, neither of which did any considerable damage. One was at the residence of J. H. T. Watson, Merrimack and Webster streets, and the other at M. Cutter's, 1455 Broadway.

NOTES WERE SENT TO WITNESS

SPECIAL OFFICER GIVES MOST
DAMAGING TESTIMONY
AT TRIAL.

GRAND RAPIDS, December 26.—The hearing of William F. McKnight and ex-Senator George E. Nichols on the charge of subornation of perjury, at the first trial of ex-City Attorney Salsbury for bribery in connection with the water deal, began today. Their examination promises to be the most vigorously fought of the entire list of water scandal cases.

Arthur Stowe, one of the special officers sworn to watch witness Garman during the trial of Salsbury, testified that he saw many notes delivered to Garman. Upon one occasion when he was concealed in a bathroom off Garman's room, he saw Leonard, who is charged with having aided in the alleged bribery, hand Garman an envelope. He saw Garman open the envelope and look at money it contained.

JAMES NEYLAN LAID IN GRAVE

The body of James Neylan was laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery this morning followed by a large gathering of friends who had known him during his lifetime.

The floral evidences of affection were numerous and beautiful. Requiem high mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church and in addition to the music furnished by the regular choir, O'Connell sang "Lead Kindly Light" and "Nearer My God to Thee." The pall-bearers were J. B. Carrington, Donald Beattie, James Long, M. J. Fitzgerald, James McElroy and P. Murphy.

CHRISTMAS SNIPE COST HIM \$5.

Etienne Leclerc, a French sailor came ashore yesterday with a gun and shot one inoffensive little snipe down by Adams wharf. Officer Murray, who was prowling around on the beat down there, put the man under arrest for shooting in the city limits. Leclerc's captain deposited \$5 bail for his man, and as he failed to appear in court this morning that Christmas snipe cost him \$5.

WINDOWS BROKEN BY AN EXPLOSION.

VICTOR, Colo., Dec. 26.—An explosion of dynamite near the Portland mine broke windows in many houses in that vicinity and sent many rocks crashing through the roof of the residence of John Heller. No one was injured. The military have been investigating the matter, but have not learned anything of the perpetrators, nor of their object.

FATAL SHOOTING IN TENNESSEE.

BROWNSVILLE, Tenn., December 26.—In an exchange of shots here over the settlement of a few dollars, Tom Hollingshead, white, a young merchant, was slain through the heart, and John Walker and Henry Jackson and Andrew Pugh, the latter four negroes, were seriously wounded.

WILL FIGHT A DUEL

ALTERCATION OVER DREYFUS
CASE LEADS TO A
CHALLENGE.

PARIS, December 26.—Following a violent altercation over the Dreyfus case, a duel with swords will be fought tomorrow between Captain Levy of the Fifth Regiment of Engineers and Henry de Molroy, a leading anti-Semite.

M. de Molroy's seconds include the Baron de Grand Clos.

OFFERS REWARD FOR TRAIN WRECKERS

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 26.—General Superintendent Ralph Peters of the Panhandle Railroad Company has offered a reward of \$1000 for the arrest and conviction of persons who have attempted to wreck trains and the bridge at Ellis Station on the Muskingum river. Several attempts have been made to cause a wreck by streching a wire cable across the track, so anchored that it would pull down the bridge. The purpose is not understood by the railroad officials.

MUSIC AT THE CHURCH.

The Tenth-avenue Baptist Church, East Oakland, will hold its Christmas services tomorrow. The pastor, Rev. C. M. Hill, will preach on Advent subjects, and the choir, O. M. Vesper, director, will render the following numbers with appropriate organ selections and hymns for the congregation: "The Heralds of the King," Bartlett; "Emmanuel," Rogers; "Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices," Elliott; "There Were Shepherds," Morrison; "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God," Custance; "Nazareth," Gounod.

HIS CONDITION IS BETTER.

OLIO'S FATHER PROTESTS THAT
HIS SON IS IN-
NOCENT.

Louis Gratiano, the man lying at Fabiola Gratiano as the result of a murderous attack made upon him Wednesday night, is reported to have been slightly better, and his prospect for recovery brighter.

The father of Louis Otto was at police headquarters this morning. He does not believe his son is guilty of the attempted murder, and thinks Gratiano's actions go far towards establishing Louis' innocence.
He says when his son came to his house covered with blood from the dagger slashes in Gratiano's hands, and told him about the fight, he advised the boy to go back and get his things and leave. He went there and found Gratiano in bed, and although he said he had been shot he did not accuse Otto. Mrs. Gratiano told him to take his things and go, and he did so.
Mr. Otto's father also says he has been told by friends that his son is not the only man from whom Gratiano had borrowed money—that there are four or five others, at least, to whom he is indebted in varying sums. The story first told by Louis Otto is still the one he adheres to.

SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION.

Editor TRIBUNE: I didn't attend divine service yesterday but devoted most of the day to reading, among other things, the lives of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and made some notes as I read. I was much interested in the biographies of these patriots, whose fame will endure throughout all time, and thought what I dreamed me might others.

I find that their average age at the time of signing the Declaration was forty-four years. The youngest was Edward Rutledge, who was but little more than twenty-six. The oldest was Benjamin Franklin, who was in his seventy-first year. The first to die was Thomas Lynch, lost at sea in 1776. Charles Carroll of Carrollton lived the longest, dying in 1832 in his ninety-sixth year. Their average age at the time of their deaths was nearly sixty years. Five of them lived to be over ninety, seven between eighty and ninety, eleven between seventy and eighty, and twelve between sixty and seventy, eleven between fifty and sixty, seven between forty and fifty.

Nine were born in Massachusetts; eight in Virginia; five in Maryland; four in Connecticut; four in New Jersey; four in South Carolina; four in Pennsylvania; three in Delaware; four in New York; two in Rhode Island; one in Maine; two in England; two in Scotland; and one in Wales.

Ten of them were merchants; four were physicians; three farmers; one a printer; one a clergyman; twenty-one lawyers; and sixteen what we would now style capitalists or men of fortune.

Eight were graduates of Harvard College; three of New Jersey; four of Yale; two of William and Mary; two of Philadelphia; three of Cambridge; Erasmus of Edinburgh, Scotland; and one of St. Omers.

It is well that we pause occasionally to think of these noble patriotic men, who hazarded not only their possessions (for most of them were wealthy) but also their lives, that we might enjoy the blessings of freedom.
J. W. DUTTON.

MAJOR M'DOWELL PASSES AWAY

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Major Malcolm McDowell, widely known as an iron and steel expert, is dead, at the age of 75 years. He was the youngest brother of the late General McDowell, who commanded the federal troops at the first battle of Bull Run.

Major McDowell was aide-de-camp on his brother's staff during the battle. Deceased was an intimate friend of Generals Grant, Sherman and Logan, and of President Hayes.

CHRISTMAS SESSION OF MEN'S LEAGUE.

The Christmas session and dinner of the Men's League of the First Presbyterian Church will be held on the bridge hall of the church next Tuesday evening.

Following the dinner, which will be served at 6:30 p. m., there will be a program of addresses, singing and prayer. The speakers are D. Edwards Collins, Irving Ayres, George D. Gray, A. L. Adams, Rev. E. E. Baker and Wales Palmer.

LATE REAR ADMIRAL WHITE IS BURIED

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 26.—The funeral services over the remains of the late Rear-Admiral Edwin White, U. S. N., retired, were held at the Naval Academy chapel today, after which the interment took place in the naval cemetery.

The escort was composed of the marine battalion and a detachment of seamen, accompanied by the naval band and my band.

REPORTS ON VARNEY ESTATE.

Charles D. Allen, receiver in the suit of Thomas B. Varney, the California Trust Company and John Taylor, trustees under the will of Thomas Varney, against Frank Garcia, F. W. Bliger and Jessie H. Woods, has made a supplemental report of \$4,000,000 for the estate of the late Thomas Varney, which was the subject of the suit brought against Frank Garcia. The trustees of the estate were criticized and by the Court for allowing this mortgage to run too long.

FRACTURED HIS THUMB.

James Scott, a 57-year-old living at the Arcata House, fell on a rug in the hallway while entering his room yesterday and fractured his right thumb. The injury was treated by Stewart Borchert at the Receiving Hospital.

GLASS DOOR BROKEN.

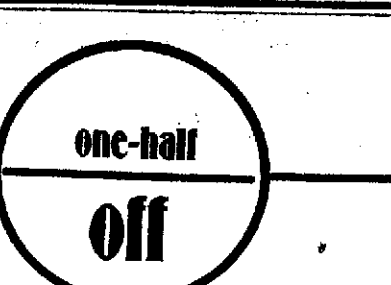
A glass door was broken open at 411 Eleventh street last night. Nothing is raised from the place, and the presumption is that it was done by some person who lunched against it while intoxicated.

J. S. MOORE DEAD.

John Solon Moore died yesterday at 3026 Woolsey street, Berkeley, aged 75 years and 8 months. The funeral will take place Sunday at 2 p. m. from his late residence. Deceased was a cousin of Attorney A. A. Moore of Fruitvale.

STEAMER IS REPORTED.

NEW YORK, December 26.—The steamer Etna, from Liverpool for New York, was reported in communication with Nantucket lightship at 1:40 p. m. by wireless telegraph.



After Christmas Sales

Heavy Reductions on Articles
Suitable for New Year Gifts

After-Christmas sales begin today and continue until New Year's. Holiday goods of every description, articles suitable for New Year's gifts, have been reduced with one object alone in view—immediate clearance. Particulars follow:

ONE-FOURTH OFF on special ice cream and salad sets, odd plates, fancy covered dishes, toast racks, jelly compots and tea caddies.

ONE-FOURTH OFF on all fur coats and stoles.

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ONE-FOURTH OFF on all pillows and table mats of burned velvet appliqued with leather.

ONE-FOURTH OFF on all bath and lounging robes.

ONE-THIRD OFF on all photograph frames.

ONE-THIRD OFF on all fancy jewelry, including neck chains, buckles, brooches, belt pins, shirt waist sets, pearl and jeweled collars.

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ONE-THIRD OFF on all bronzes, marbles, terra cottas and Dresden.

ONE-THIRD OFF on all pictures, including photographs, plaques, engravings and paintings.

ONE-THIRD OFF on special pieces of cut glass.

ONE-THIRD OFF on china novelties, including desk and toilet articles, bonbonnières and the like.

ONE-HALF OFF on all dolls.

ONE-HALF OFF on all genuine Venetian glass.



WILL PAY THE CHURCH DEBT.

UNITARIANS PLAN TO PAY OFF
MORTGAGE AT AN EARLY
DAY.

With the exception of \$1700 the First Unitarian Church of this city has cleared itself from the heavy debt under which it has been struggling for so many years. This amount, however, will be cleared off the books tomorrow, it is hoped.

Since the retirement of Rev. Benjamin Fay Mills, Rev. George W. Stone has occupied the pulpit of the church, and a formal call as permanent pastor will now be extended to the latter clergyman.

This church has done remarkably well in lifting the mortgage, which has hung over it since the Rev. Benjamin Fay Mills under took to raise the debt, and in one Sunday secured \$30,000. This left \$200 indebtedness, \$400 of which was loaned by the Unitarian Society of the United States.

At the service last Sunday Rev. Geo. W. Stone called the attention of the congregation to the amount of the church's indebtedness, in a very short time the sum of \$30,000 had been subscribed, leaving only \$1700 yet to be paid.

Dr. C. Howard Merritt has opened dental parlors in the Central Bank Building, Rooms 311-312. Office hours 9 a. m. to 12 m., 1 to 4 p. m. Porcelain work a specialty.

Ninety and Nine.
Not an even hundred iron and wooden bedsteads, with or without mattresses. Cheap for cash, at H. Scheelhaus' Corner Store, Eleventh and Franklin streets.

"For Sale"—Willow and Clobber-sent Rockers at reduced prices this week. Corner store, Eleventh and Franklin streets. H. Scheelhaus.

Money saved to furnish the Christmas tree by patronizing the old reliable H. Scheelhaus corner Eleventh and Franklin streets.

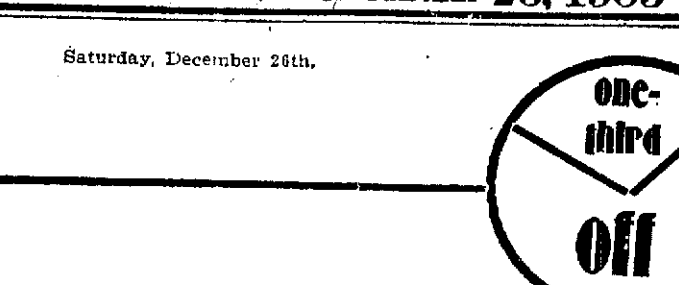
ARE NOT ENGAGED.
The announcement of the engagement of Miss Julia Swafford to Dr. Williams, it is stated, was premature. The parties say they are not engaged, notwithstanding any rumors to the contrary and ask that this correction be made.

Scrofula

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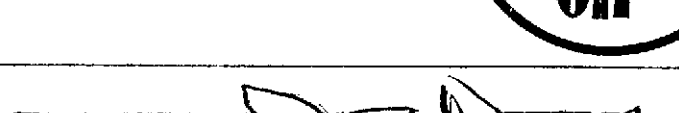
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THE LATEST NEWS.

HANLON WILL NOT ACCEPT POSER EDDIE GRANEY.

Little Champions Are not Able to Agree Upon a Referee for Fight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—Eddie Hanlon and Young Corbett will not meet in the ring next Tuesday night if Eddie Graneley is to be the referee of the contest.

That is what Hanlon says, and everybody that knows the little fellow knows that he is as stubborn as a mule when he once sets his head.

Corbett, who also has a mind of his own, has submitted two names, those of Graneley and Harry Corbett. Either of these gentlemen, he declares, is acceptable to him. But Harry Corbett will not accept the job of refereeing the fight, and that leaves only Graneley to choose.

A ROW IN SIGHT.
It looks just at this time as though there's going to be a merry row, and the prospect of calling the contest off looks up as a possibility. Unless the two youngsters can be induced to reach an agreement as to the referee, it is quite probable that Hanlon will refuse to put on the gloves.

The situation has a very disquieting aspect for the thousands of sports interested in the outcome of the battle. Then there has been considerable hatching and pulling today about the arrangements for a meeting. Morris Levy of the Hayes Valley Club set the time for 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. But Corbett announced this morning, through Harry Thill, his valet, that he was going to put in the day at work and that he would not come down tonight.

NO AFTERNOON MEETING.

This threw the arrangements all askew. For Hanlon was preparing at that time to take the trip across the bay. He was notified that if he came he would meet only Levy.

George Weeden, Corbett's manager, expressed a doubt as to whether the champion would consent to come down into the city this evening, but later, after a conference with Levy, he consented to bring the little Denverite to Harry Corbett's at 8 o'clock. Levy said he would come down with him, but he was not to be present at the fight. That cleared the situation a little, but it did not bring the fighters any nearer to an agreement on the mooted question of who will be the referee.

WON'T HAVE GRANEY.

For the time Hanlon publicly announced today that he would not fight if Graneley was the referee. "I will not go into the ring if he is chosen," Hanlon said. "I would fight if Harry Corbett refereed, or I would be willing to take Jack Welch, but I won't stand for Graneley. That is final, and Corbett may as well make up his mind to it."

Corbett, on the other hand, simply announced that he was willing to take either Harry Corbett or Graneley. When told that Harry Corbett would not accept, he said: "Well, that leaves Graneley."

THINKS CORBETT FAIR.

George Weeden said, in discussing the matter: "I think the champion has been very fair. He has submitted two names. I don't know what more could be asked of him. It seems very queer that the champion has to come all the way out here to California to meet a challenger and then have to meet so many objections and hitches. It looks to me as though the challenger ought to be willing to meet the champion half way. The men we

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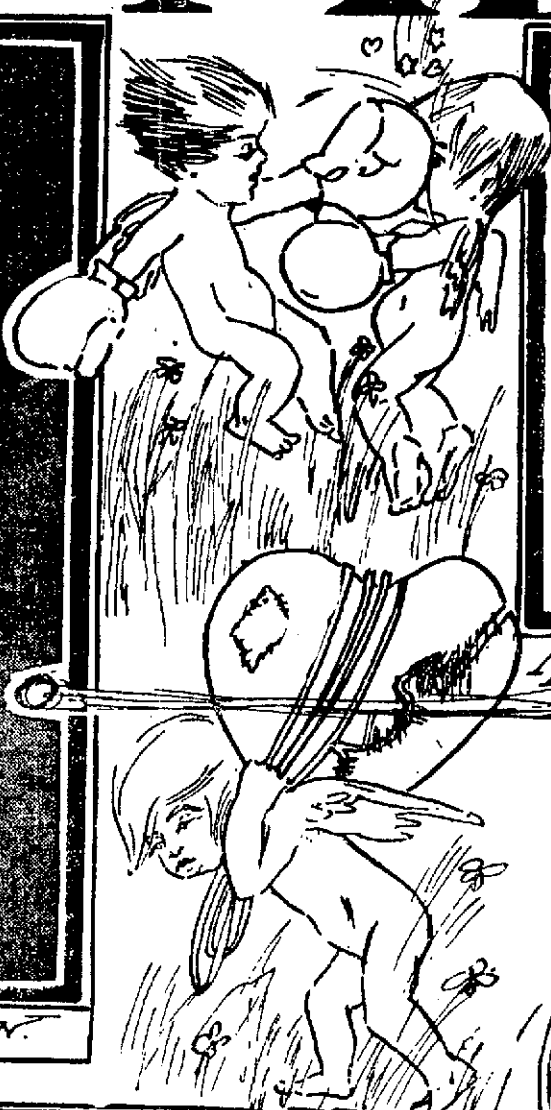
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LITTLE DOING IN SOCIETY.

It's a very slim budget this week and a very empty engagement book, for the Christmas trees and the stockings have kept us so busy that we've had absolutely no time for anything else.

A good many festivities are planned for the week between Christmas and New Year's especially for across the bay where Mrs. Gerrit Lansing gives a big luncheon at the University Club on December 29. Early January and late January, too, will be full of gayeties, and many teas and days at home have been set for that month, for though Lent begins late this year, the season always seems very short after Christmas and there is little enough time to do all the formal visiting and entertaining which remains to be done. Mrs. Horace Davis is planning two at homes for her daughter-in-law who was Miss Therese Morgan. These are scheduled for January 5 and 12 and the big Davis house will be thronged with the friends of mother and daughter-in-law.

Mrs. Samuel Knight has sent out cards for the second and third Fridays in January for her new and pretty home and Mrs. Mintzer has sent out cards for the Mondays in January. She will receive with her mother, Mrs. Shrewsbury, at the Hotel Granada, where the Mintzers are staying for the winter, having come over from their summer home at Point Richmond.

THE MAGEES HAVE RETURNED.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Magee have returned from their ranch and have taken a house at Broadway and Fillmore streets, San Francisco, for the winter. They like San Francisco in the winter time. Mrs. Magee is now out of mourning and will go out this winter. She will have two days at home in January. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Magee will soon return from the East. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Magee, with their young son, have gone to San Francisco for the winter, having left their ranch near Fruitvale and will make their winter home with Mrs. Magee's mother, Mrs. Shaw and her grandmother, Mrs. Wenban.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS ARE UP.

Now that the Christmas wreaths are up, how pretty the houses look—the little ones with their diamond-paned windows and the big houses with their sheets of plate glass. My wreaths are of the real English holly this year, though they say the cold weather has made it drop its leaves dreadfully. A pretty way is to have a wide bow of red ribbon dependant from each. These should have long ends. They cost much money and the English holly wreaths are very expensive unless you have a friend in Victoria but they are also exceedingly pretty. For those who must use cheaper wreaths there are the pine wreaths with their tiny cones, the wild cherry which looks a good deal like real holly and, of course, the old California stand-by, the yew, which the boys sell from house to house and which looks pretty from a distance.

There are more Christmas trees than ever, this year. All the clubs have large, handsomely decorated ones which will stand for a week and though there are no gifts upon them and no children to run in their nightgowns to see them, they answer the purpose of promoting the Christmas feeling. All the institutions for old and young had



Miss Carrie Lund

Christmas trees and there were many family celebrations.

The Christmas tree in the home of the Albert Millers at which the large families of the Millers and Herricks used to gather, with about thirty in the immediate family circle, has been given up since death entered so ruthlessly. But as many members of the family as possible gathered at the Hotel Green where fourteen of them were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Stanford of Warm Springs who are spending the holidays in Southern California. The table was beautifully decorated by Mrs. Stanford, who as Alice Herrick had a charming gift in that direction. Mr. and Mrs. Stanford will return to the North about the tenth of January and will leave at once for New York where they will spend the rest of the winter months in attendance at the opera and the automobile show. Mr. Stanford is much interested in motor carriages and owned the first one in California.

FAMILY CELEBRATIONS.

There was a family celebration yesterday at Highlands, where Mrs. Long entertained Mr. and Mrs. Mark Requa and their children. The Isaac Requa was, however, greatly missed. They will be at home in a few days, when Christmas will be celebrated over again.

The Clays had a family celebration in Fruitvale, where all the members of the family on these shores were gathered together under the hospitable roof of Level Lea.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert L. Curtiss entertained Mr. and Mrs. Lawson S. Adams Jr. and had their tree, with the same Christmas angel that has hovered over it for years. Mrs. Adams has been ill in a local hospital, but is quite recovered again and was well

enough to come to Oakland.

SORROW FOR THE ALBRIGHTS.

The hearts of all who know the Albright family of Fruitvale must go out to them in the sudden sorrow that has fallen upon them. On the 21st, Major Albright, a fine-looking, hale old gentleman, with the most beautiful snowy hair and fine brown eyes, came home from the Commissary Department, in the city, where he was employed, complaining of illness. The next day he passed away, almost painlessly, from a totally unsuspected affection of the heart. He leaves a widow, two sons, one married and one single, and two daughters. Miss Violet Albright and Mrs. Howard Bray. The Albright family comes of good Southern stock and was a model one. For several years Major and Mrs. Albright, with two married sons and one married daughter, lived under the same roof in the most perfect amity. Finally the growing families of little folks necessitated the removal of some of the younger families, but during the years they all lived together, four married pairs, there was never an unkind word to mar their perfect happiness. I consider this most unusual, for there is no truer proverb than that which says that the house was never built large enough for two families. Differences in taste and temperament make it almost impossible for more than one family to be happy in one house and sometimes not even that much is possible.

The Albrights showed their strong family feeling by building houses in a row in Fruitvale and there they have lived for several years, side by side. Death entered the family first when John Albright, the eldest son, died some years ago. The entire family was inconsolable and now death has



Miss Ethel Oll

ruptured again one of the sweetest and dearest of us.

Major Albright had served as an army officer and during his entire residence in California had been employed as a clerk in the Commissary Department of the Army. He was a quiet man, delightful to know, and a true gentleman of the old school. Of distinguished and handsome appearance, he was yet little known outside of his family and immediate circle of friends. Besides the widow and four children he leaves seven grandchildren, and the whole of Fruitvale will feel that its Christmas has been saddened by this brave, simple, quiet life which has passed out and on.

TRADESMEN HAVE COMPLAINED.

The tradesmen have been complaining that the Christmas trade was nowhere near expectations. Trade has been dull, they say, and though sales have been many they have also been small. People have more this year, than at any other year, I think, gone in for remembrances rather than for expensive gifts. While this is logical and has, perhaps, been induced by what seems a very general belief in the approach of hard times, it is hard on the tradespeople who laid in expensive stocks. Clever and sensible people did their shopping months ago and picked up all sorts of novelties in Chinatown for Eastern relatives—

things which are not even to be found at the Christmas time, for they have all been picked up. Never were books as Christmas remembrances more general than this year and many flowers and sprigs of holly and house plants were sent as small remembrances of Christmas cheer. Expensive gifts were reserved almost entirely for members of the family for those to whom some special debt of gratitude was felt.

THE PARADE CHRISTMAS.

The Governor and his family spent Christmas quietly. The Governor came down on Saturday for a busy, strenuous day of the Roosevelt type, and during twenty-four hours he took the thirty-third degree in Masonry, presided at one of the most important meetings the State University Regents ever held, was guest of honor at a dinner of fifty men which Jack Wilson gave him at the Bohemian Club, and read a paper at the High Jinks which followed. Any one of these things would be enough to "call a day," but the Governor is, fortunately, a young and healthy man, and he can stand what would break an ordinary man down.

His paper, one hour, was very good and shored honors with the gem of the evening in a vocal way which was a song by Harry Gillig who came all the way from New York to sing it. The loyalty displayed by Bohemian

Club men is something phenomenal. They think nothing of a long and expensive tour across the continent to enjoy these reunions of kindred souls.

HOME AFFAIRS ON CHRISTMAS.

Some of our leading families have a well established program, repeated every year for the Christmas festivities. The Tafts always have their family Christmas tree at the breakfast hour. A family breakfast gathering also begins Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wall. They have always as their guests Mr. and Mrs. C. O. G. Miller and their children, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Y. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. William Watt, and little Elizabeth Watt. Then the various members of the family are free to go to other homes.

On Christmas Eve Major and Mrs. Clay gather all the various members of the family about them, at their home "Level Lea" in Fruitvale. There is always a large Christmas tree, elaborately decorated.

Mrs. Wheaton always had a beautiful Christmas tree, but in the last two years the tree has been held at the home of the Edison Adams in honor of the little girls of the household, Elizabeth and Jane Adams.

The Bradshaws at Piedmont entertained elaborately this Christmas in honor of friends from Australia who are spending some weeks of the winter with them.

Some of the leading families have grown so large that the Christmas gatherings are assuming large proportions and the various branches of the family find it impossible to keep all the many Christmas dates. Some of the families are arranging to take turns in keeping the Christmas holiday.

The Tuckers are a notable example. Mrs. Havemeyer and her daughters have come here to make their permanent home and this adds more members to a large family group. The Christmas meeting this year was at the A. S. Macdonalds, who received the relatives in their Linda Vista home. Among the guests were the George McNeers, the Detricks, the Edward Lacey Braytons, the Havemeyers, the A. L. Stones and, of course, the honored guest of all was Mrs. J. C. Tucker. There were over sixty relatives present at the merry Christmas gathering.

ENGAGEMENT OF MISS KENT.

Among the San Francisco news notes of interest comes over the engagement of Miss Ethel Kent to Lieutenant Gilbert McKee Allen. It was a matter of greatest interest to the younger set, for it seems only the other day that Miss Kent was just a High School girl, one of the leading members of the popular "Lunches." When the sorority gave "The Merchant of Venice," she was "Portia" and in High School mat-

ters she was very much in things generally.

The Kents lived here for many years and were such prominent members of St. Paul's Church that they have many friends here. The family has been largely represented in military circles. Lieut. Landsdale who met so tragic a fate at Samoa was their cousin and they have many relatives in the army.

The wedding of Lieut. Malcolm Graham and Miss Marie Kent took place in St. Paul's Church and the decorations were planned with fine military effect. Miss Augusta Kent married Captain Block who has been stationed at Samoa. No date has been set for the wedding of Lieut. Allen and Miss Kent. The lieutenant has just received his promotion. Both of the young people are to be guests at the Maple Club cotillon on Saturday evening.

DINNER GIVEN BY MRS. WILLIAMS.

Among the San Francisco dinners which have been extensively quoted is the one given by Mrs. Thomas Williams in honor of the birthday of her husband, Mr. Thomas Williams.

The Williams recently purchased the residence built by Mr. S. G. Murphy on Pacific avenue. It is a beautiful home planned for many large entertainments for the S. G. Murphys went out a great deal in San Francisco's most exclusive set.

But when Adelaide Murphy ran away and married into the Brockenridge family her father took no further interest in the home and it was bought by Mr. Thomas Williams.

The family has been living in it some time now and it was the scene of a very jolly dinner, the other evening.

The dinner was very unique and original, a fancy dress affair. Mrs. Williams took a unique character. Miss Muriel Steele represented a Japanese and her disguise was exceedingly well planned. Mrs. William Shields, formerly Miss Elsie Bennett, was a Salvation lassie and Mrs. Steele represented a lady of the court of Marie Antoinette. There were other guests all in costume and at the head of the festal board sat Thomas Williams, taking the character of King Dodo.

COTILLON OF THE MAPLE CLUB.

Much holiday brightness bids fair to center around the Christmas cotillon of the Maple Club. It will be the only cotillon given in Oakland this winter, as the Friday Night Club has made all its dances assemblies.

The patronesses, among them Mrs. Charles Houghton, Mrs. Coogan, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Kays, have taken the greatest care in planning the decorations of the hall, and it bids fair to make a beautiful environment for a brilliant scene. For days past the young girls of the first set have met at the home of Miss Saville Hayden and they have made all the favors for the german.

Miss Saville Hayden is to lead, and

elisted by Miss Rose Kales, Miss Gertrude Russell and Miss Louise Hall.

Miss Katherine Brown, who has been away at boarding school for three years, will be in the first set, and in the first set also will be the following girls: The Misses Hazel and Vera Cope, Carmen Sutton, Aroline Della, Lillie Reed, Ruth Houghton, Marjorie Coogan, Helen Dornin, Ethel Kent, Josephine Johnson, Marion Walsh, Louise Roberts, Ann McElrath, Charlotte Hall, Marie Plaw, Isabelle Shephard and Clarissa Lohse.

The young men of the first set are Hugh Russell, Woodson Craig, Valentin Hush, Harry Leach, Philip Fry, Lloyd Roberts, Dan Volkman, Maurice Walsh, Malcolm Campbell, Shirley Houghton, Ray Taylor and Stuart Hawley.

PRESENTS FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

Some of the Christmas lists prepared for the special benefit of Santa Claus, showed some most amusing phases. One of the most peaceful little girls of the neighborhood had on her list only one gift, but it was one for which her soul ardently longed—a gun.

"Of course she won't get it," said her astonished little mother. "But she doesn't want anything else, and so Christmas is a disappointment to her. Dolls are politely declined with thanks—Christmas joy is centered just in a gun!"

A certain Lakeside grandfathers was complaining about the extravagance of the modern child. It cost so much to have Santa Claus come down the chimney. This grandfather was recalling the days when his daughter was quite satisfied to "play lady" with a rag doll, on whom she lavished the affection of her heart. The little girl of today wants a Paris doll with an opera cloak, but she doesn't have at all the fun in "playing lady" that the old-fashioned girl had. Something like that for the wonderful little child's imagination, but the little girl of today is grown up long before her time, especially if she finds herself growing up in the environment of a wealthy household.

AT THE PERKINS HOME

Mrs. George C. Perkins' Christmas tree at "Palm Knoll" was handsomer than ever this year. It reached from the floor to ceiling and was illuminated with dozens of small electric lights of variegated colors. The rooms all about it were literally strewn with handsome gifts. The decorations of holly berries and evergreens were artistically arranged and although many of the family are absent this year, Miss Mac being in Tien Tsin, China, visiting Consul Ragsdale's family for the winter, Miss Perkins with her father, the Senator in Washington, Mrs. Smith formerly pretty Susie Perkins living in the East and Paymaster Fred King Perkins of the U. S. S. Albatross in Honolulu. They were all very much missed. However, the six grandchildren including the two pretty daughters of Mrs. J. E. Adams of San Francisco with their father and mother were there also Mr. and Mrs. George E. Perkins and her three sweet children: Milton Perkins, Miss Alma, Joe (Champion), D. K. Knowles and a few other old and intimate friends of the family. It was strictly a family reunion and one always greatly appreciated by the fortunate participants.

HOLIDAYS BRIGHTEN HOUSEHOLD.

The holidays have been brightened in many households by the homecoming of relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Harriet Crawford, with little Master Crawford, surprised the family by coming out for Christmas, and they arrived at "Lark Lane" on Wednesday evening. Their trip was given up for a while, but Mr. Crawford found he could come, so they gave the family a happy holiday surprise.

Miss Mary Barker has come home for Christmas, and so has Miss Lillie Miller, and they are the center of attraction these days with their stories of a memorable trip in the old world.

Mrs. McClure Gregory, formerly Miss Anna Lohse, has returned to Oakland for the holidays, and informal luncheons have been given here at the Dan Holden and at the Chalmers.

The tea given by Miss Elsie Gregory in honor of her sister-in-law was a so informal, and the guest list included many friends of the bride from this side of the bay.

MRS. MILLER GOES TO PASADENA.

Mrs. Albert Miller and Miss Annie Miller have gone to Pasadena to spend the Christmas holidays with Major and Mrs. John B. Moon.

MRS. JOHN ADAMS TO GIVE A LUNCHEON.

Among the largest of the coming San Francisco dates is the luncheon to be given at the University Club, in honor of an Eastern guest, by Mrs. John Adams.

It is said that a hundred invitations have been sent out for the luncheon, which is being planned on an elaborate scale.

The largest luncheon ever given, of that kind, was the one given at the Palace Hotel by Mrs. Tom Magee in



MRS. W. P. MCGUIRE.
(Photo Shaw & Shaw.)

honor of Mrs. Robinson Reilly who was Genevieve Goad Martin.

Mrs. Adams' luncheon list will include many San Francisco people. She was formerly Miss Ernestine Maskell and was educated at the Van Ness Seminary where so many prominent young matrons also received their early training. The large guest list will include many well known in social circles on both sides of the bay.

MRS. MORGAN HAS GONE SOUTH.

Mrs. C. B. Morgan and Miss Julia Morgan have gone to Southern California for the Christmas vacation days and are at the Van Nays in Los Angeles.

Miss Julia Morgan is a pioneer in the field of architecture now proving so important a one for women.

She is the assistant of an architect who has more work offered him than he can possibly attend to. He came out here originally to superintend the construction of the Hearst Mining Building and it was she who planned the magnificent Greek theatre in the Berkeley hills.

Few people know that many of the important details of the amphitheatre were personally superintended by Miss Julia Morgan and under her direction men worked almost all night on many occasions to get the work finished for the dedication.

Miss Morgan is designing the large new iron gates that are to ornament one of the bridges leading to the University.

PARTY AT THE STONE RESIDENCE.

The leading children's party of the holiday time will be given at the Stone residence on Madison street, when Miss Harriet Stone will entertain her friends. The children who have been fortunate enough to receive invitations are perfectly delighted. In the first place because it is not going to be just the ordinary children's party in the afternoon with the little games which children play. It is much more "grown up" than that.

For the cards say, "To meet Miss Irene Farrell."

The latter is little Miss Stone's cousin recently returned from abroad. Her father is Mr. John Farrell, who was sent out to make an engineering report on the famous King Solomon mines.

Little Miss Farrell has spent many months in London, and has also travelled on the continent and the card party is given that she may meet her old friends.

The cards also carry the magic announcement of "Holly" and better still, the hours are to be from half after seven to half after ten. What could a child wish for more?

The decorations are all to be in holiday designs and Mrs. Egbert Stone is usual in planning a gala evening for the merry young guests.

ALOHA CLUB DOES GOOD.

The Aloha Club of West Oakland, has done more good in a quiet way than can be held to the credit of many a more pretentious club. For some years now, it has been the pet project of Mr. Wallace Alexander, who gave it the island name with which we are all so familiar.

It was organized on a small scale, just a club of boys, gathered in friendly fashion to spend the evening.

Mr. Alexander organized a debating club and there was music and a good program generally.

Miss Mary Barker would take her violin to the meetings and play for the club, Miss Jane Rawlings would play on the piano, and Miss Ethel Kittredge now Mrs. Baker, and Miss Florence Starr always did a great deal to further

the interests of the club.

And under the special protection of Mr. Wallace Alexander the club has been growing in a quiet way until it is one of the strongest philanthropic organizations in West Oakland.

Its recent move in favor of a children's play ground in West Oakland is likely to have strong backing. We have talked about that West Oakland marsh till we are tired. Perhaps after all the Aloha Club will win out where so many have signally failed.

PREPARING FOR MISS BRITTON'S WEDDING.

Preparations are going on for one of the most notable weddings of the winter, that of Miss Florence Britton and Mr. Kellogg, set for next Thursday evening. The home is to be a beautiful color study all in wedding white and green.

John Britton's gift to his daughter is a most artistic residence close by the family and it will be very beautiful with the gorgeous wedding gifts which have been the portion of this popular bride-elect.

The wedding hour has been set at a quarter of nine, and the wedding ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Carson Shaw of the Church of the Advent.

The other members of the family have Mrs. Miller all through the year, so when Christmas comes it brings to the Moons the dear mother of the large household.

CHRISTMAS AT BUTTERS' HOME.

Really, when it comes to social affairs, one can do little this week but chronicle Christmas festivities. The Henry Butters gave a large Christmas dinner at Alta Vista, and the table carried as a centerpiece the good, traditional old Santa Claus. He had a big cornucopia, with gifts for Mrs. Stephen Field of Stockbridge, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry East, Miss Margaret Miller, and their guests were the Harrison Clays and the Tom Prathers.

GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE WE KNOW.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sutton have Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jorgensen as their guests for Christmas. Mr. Jorgensen has spent many months in the Yosemite Valley, and his Yosemite pictures are beginning to be extensively known in the East. He is to make a study of California missions, which will be likely to be attended with interesting results.

Among the Christmas festivities was the large Christmas tree held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Costigan on Franklin street. All the various members of the family assembled about the Christmas tree, which on Christmas night was boundedly laden with gifts.

The only one absent was little Effie Costigan Austin, who always comes from Fresno to spend Christmas with her grandparents. But this year she has been ill, and was not able to take the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Costigan entertained in the most hospitable way Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie Dunn and their two boys, and Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Costigan.

JOLLY WINTER FOR YOUNGER SET.

A merry crowd of the younger married set are having a jolly winter with informal affairs at the various "at homes." One of the gatherings was at the Bromwell home, when Mrs. George Bornemann entertained friends in honor of Mr. Bornemann's birthday. Ev-

erything goes in the Bromwell home; there is always so much life, so much informal merriment in a social gathering there.

Mrs. Bornemann has planned the decorations with much taste, and they told a most charming holiday story. "Five hundred" was played during the evening, and the handsome prize was won by Mrs. Charles Lovell.

After the card game, a birthday supper was served, with toasts for Mr. Bornemann, who has many good wishes for a prosperous future. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Felton Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lovell, Mr. and Mrs. Bromwell, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Dallam, Mr. and Mrs. William Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Martin.

Almost the same people, with the addition of the "Five Hundred Club," surprised Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lovell the other evening. The ladies of the party were dressed as cooks, and they were truly fascinating, wearing the quaintest of white aprons and little coquettish caps. And the men were a great success dressed as waiters. The evening was summed up in a phrase by one of the guests that "it was a lot of fun."

Not long ago, they all appeared at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Miles on Webster street, all garbed like ghosts in sheets and pillow cases. That kind of a masquerade is the most amusing thing in the world. You can't tell who any one is and even your dearest friend is in a disguise fairly impenetrable.

And all these people are so talented—they can sing and play—and there are so many amusing things they can do. No one remembers the fancy dances of childhood as does Pelton Taylor. He can dance the "Highland Fling" with just as much energy and enthusiasm as in the days when he was a small boy, and carried off the honors of the dancing class. That special set of the dance might well have for a motto:

"A merry heart goes all the way."

BROWNS AND THE OLIVERS.

The Browns and Olivers kept the Christmas festival together in the Oliver home on the hill. Edwin Oliver came home for the occasion, and there is always much rejoicing when the family is together, as they are all devoted to each other.

Carl McBoyle, who is associated with Edwin Oliver in the mining engineering projects, also came home for Christmas, and spent the holiday in the home of his grandfather, David Standford.

THEY WILL BE AT HOME.

Engraved cards have been received by many friends this season, to which Mr. and Mrs. William Lyndham Shiel and the Misses Shiel unite in sending their best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The cards carry a very pretty crest in gold.

SWELL RECEPTION ON ALBATROSS.

The reception given last Saturday by the Wardroom officers of the U. S. S. Albatross was a brilliant affair. The Albatross was gallily decorated with flags, bunting and great clusters of green and red clusters of holly berries. The upper deck was cleared for dancing and was entirely enclosed with flags of all nations making a splendid and unique pavilion. A string orchestra under the leadership of Professor Sigismund Blummann, a score of concert and dance music for the entertainment of the guests.

The Wardroom, where an elaborate collation was served presented a festive appearance in red berries and festal shaded candelabra.



MISS ALVINA DE PASS.

Lieutenant Alexander N. Mitchell is the executive officer of the Albatross and was assisted in his duties as host by Lieutenants Cruise, Waters, Macmillan and Butler. The following ladies lent their charming efforts to the success of the afternoon, Mrs. H. Macmillan, Mrs. George Perkins, Jr., Mrs. W. G. Morrow, Miss Mabel Quatman and Miss Kathryn Rivington.

Mrs. Macmillan was lovely in a gown of black crepe de chine with transparent white tulle and carried violets.

Mrs. Perkins was charming in a creation of white tulle and a large picture hat. She carried pink carnations.

Mrs. Morrow was in a gown of white tulle with white chiffon and large picture hat. She carried red roses.

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OFFICERS' RECEPTION.

The reception given by the officers of the United States Navy, Albatross, at Sansalone last Saturday, was one of the largest and most successful events in society circles. The reception lasted from 2 until 5:30 o'clock and there were present about 100 invited guests. The afternoon, wardroom and upper decks were handsomely and appropriately decorated. Refreshments were served in the wardroom, and later an orchestra from San Francisco furnished music for dancing on the upper decks. Mrs. George Perkins, Jr., Mrs. W. G. Morrow, Miss Mabel Quatman and Miss Kathryn Rivington assisted the officers in receiving.

TEA FOR MISS DERR.

Miss Elsie Derr will be the guest of honor at a tea to be given on Friday by Miss Amy Gunn at her home on Green street. Miss Derr is one of the prettiest and most popular debutantes of the present season. Among those who will assist Miss Gunn in receiving will be her cousin, Miss Elsie Evering.

WILL GIVE RECEPTION.

Mrs. Henry Foster Dutton will give a reception on Wednesday 26, at her residence on Washington street, in honor of her sister, Mrs. H. My Macfarlane of Honolulu, formerly Miss Polly Dunn. Mrs. Dutton's guests will include only intimate friends and relatives.

FANCY DRESS BALL.

The special dancing party given by the Maple Hall Assembly Club at the Maple Hall Tuesday evening, was a large social success. There was a good turnout in attendance and all enjoyed themselves immensely. As usual food and refreshments were dispensed through the kindness of the club members. The evening, however, was in excellent condition and the crowd was expected to be present next Tuesday evening when the club will give its fancy dress ball. It is expected that this affair will eclipse any previous function given by the club, as the various committees in charge have worked assiduously for its success.

BACK FROM NEW YORK.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hill have returned to their Oakland home after a sojourn in New York.

GAVE A DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Palmer entertained a merry party at their hospitable home on Jackson street yesterday. The table was beautifully decorated with Christmas trees and lights, and the charming hostess displayed her own hospitality in her own delightful way.

Those who enjoyed the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Silas Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. George Streett Wheaton and Miss Jessie Palmer.

HAD A JOLLY SMOKER.

The Central Club, composed of a number of young Oaklanders, enjoyed a jolly smoker and house-warming Thursday evening. The boys were very congenial and a happy evening was spent in songs and merry toasts over an elaborate supper.

The membership list includes Clarence White, Russell McGuffey, William H. George, Ellis, Earl Burpee, Louis Davis, Charles Smith, J. Muma, Du Ray Smith Jr., Alfred Brue, Gardner Morgan, Charles Borge, Dr. Medros, Dr. Woodley, Carl Lohse, J. Broder, Jr., J. Melvin, B. Markin, David York, Harry Baxter, Dave Baxter, Albert Ralston, St. Elmo Powell, Cliff Irish, Lloyd Roberts, Joseph Chirardelli, Lytle Brown, Carl Smith, Helen McPayle, Charles Engstrom, Clarence Hilly, Stanley Darr, George Thompson, Paul Carroll, Alva Pure, H. Coffin, Gilbert Haly, Lowell Redfield, Dudley Bernays, Roy Whitaker, Van Ness Taylor, Roy Perwick, G. Gilchrist, Robert McCarthy, Mark Anderson, C. Hogg, Robert Peck, Leonard Peck, Carl Auerbach, Leonard Platt and C. Crosby.

QUIET WEDDING.

A very quiet wedding took place at the residence of Mrs. H. F. Orinell on Ridge Road yesterday when Miss Leslie Grinnell became the bride of G. H. Sharrer. Rev. F. L. Holmes, pastor of the First Unitarian Church, performed the ceremony and a number of green, arranged in artistic fashion in the beautifully decorated parlor.

Mrs. Sharrer is a graduate of the University of California, and since that has taken a prominent place in educational circles. While at college she displayed exceptional talent for poster designing and her friends retain many unique samples of her skill in this art. Mr. Sharrer's business interests are in Milton, California county, but after the honeymoon the young couple will make their home in Berkeley.

AN INFORMAL DINNER.

One of the happenings Christmas affairs yesterday was the informal dinner at the Lakeside home of the George H. Wheatons. Mrs. Wheaton dispensed her duties as hostess in the most delightful manner and a few fortunate guests

with the immediate family enjoyed the delightful reunion. The dinner at the Wheaton home was preceded by a Christmas tree at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Irene Adams.

SHE GIVES TO CHARITY.

Mrs. J. A. Folger, who always remembers the little tots of the free kindergartens and the Associated Charities at Christmas time, has sent a check of \$25 to Mrs. Robert Ward for the New Century School, \$25 to Mrs. Henry Wadsworth for the West Oakland Kindergarten and \$100 to the Associated Kindergartens.

MRS. LUNING ENTERTAINS.

Mrs. Oscar Luning entertained a happy crowd of young people Thursday evening at the hospitable mansion on Telegraph avenue. The affair was planned in compliment to Nicholas Luning who was graduated at Yale University. The evening was one of the pleasantest of the winter. Twenty-four guests were the recipients from the huge Christmas tree and a skillful fortune teller caused much merriment.

DELICIOUS SURPRISE.

Mrs. Charles Sutton planned a delicious surprise for her daughter, Miss Carmen, yesterday afternoon. The guests were members of a sewing club and an enjoyable informal afternoon was spent. The favors were pretty and all enjoyed them with bright ribbons.

VISITING HER FATHER.

Mrs. George Porter Baldwin, nee Edson, is spending the holidays with her father, in this city. She will not return to her Los Angeles home until early in the new year.

DATE OF WEDDING SET.

The date for the marriage of Miss Maude Check, daughter of Mrs. S. B. Check and James P. Stinson of Hilo has been fixed for Thursday, December 31. The young people have a wide circle of friends, but the wedding will be a quiet affair.

GAVE A DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. Monte Taylor entertained a party of friends at their pretty home on Madison street, when the guests enjoyed the Christmas tree festivity.

HOME AFFAIR.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hubbard entertained a number of friends Thursday evening with the old-fashioned Christmas eve festivities. A delightful hour was spent about the brilliant lighted Christmas tree laden with mysterious packages for young and old. Mrs. Hubbard proved an ideal hostess. She rendered a great deal of merit by her appropriate remarks as she distributed the presents. A hearty supper was in order after Mrs. Hubbard had departed, and the guests thoroughly enjoyed the informal affair.

Those who participated were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hubbard Sr., Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Woodner, Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Ewer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Homes Smith, Messrs. Samuel Jr. and Charles Hubbard, and Miss Lucie Cook.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. and Mrs. A. K. Crawford were among the guests at the Beckham mansion of Hon. J. C. W. Beckham, Governor of Kentucky, when he was inaugurated for the third time.

Miss Josephine Pierce left for the East this week to spend the Christmas holidays in New York. From there she will go to the old family home in Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Sulp and little daughter, Carmen Stulp will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Sulp's mother, Mrs. Barclay, at San Ramon.

Miss Beulah Brigham has come home from boarding schools to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. L. Bradley and her granddaughter, Miss Ruth Kels, are in Providence, Rhode Island, where they will spend the Christmas holidays. Alfred Hoadley is with them. Arthur Kels, who is studying in Cambridge, Canada, spent the holidays with his mother and sister. Later he will go to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Requa have sailed from Honolulu and are due to arrive in Oakland on Monday.

Mrs. Charles J. Woodbury will leave for the East in the near future. She will spend a month with her sister in Wisconsin, after which she will go to New York where she will be with her daughter during the months of February and March.

Mr. Hughes is expected spending about two or three weeks in Los Angeles in the East, and then spending the holidays with her sister, Miss Mamie Tooley.

HEIR OF FAIRS ESTATE DISAPPEARS.

NEW YORK, December 26.—William B. Smith, father of the late Mrs. Charles L. Fair, disappeared from his home in Newmarket, N. J., last Monday night and failing to secure any trace of him, and his wife or relatives to decide upon calling upon the police for aid in the search.

Smith resolved quite a large sum in settlement of his claim on the Fair estate and immediately after having secured the money, he took up automobile and other sports, changing entirely his former mode of life. When he left home Monday he told his wife to expect him back for lunch. His failure to return alarmed the family, but he carried a large sum of money. No trace of his movements could be found for several days but it has been learned that he told one of his intimates he had taken a steamer for London and later to the continent, thence around the world to Paris and New York. Although he is said to have boarded a steamer bound for London, this story is not taken seriously by the family who believe Smith has met with foul play.

JOHN ROGERS STRUCK BY A CAR.

While attempting to board a south-bound car at North and San Pablo avenues last night, John Rogers was struck by one of the avenue cars and was thrown some distance. The carmen ran to his assistance and when they lifted him from the ground he was unharmed.

An ambulance was called and the injured man taken to Pablos Hospital, where it was discovered that three of his ribs were fractured, and so badly crushed that they had punctured his lungs. The hospital sustained a deep scalp wound. Rogers has a small chance for recovery.

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MISS JENNIE ECKSTROM.
(Photo Dorsag.)

UNION MEN WILL RECEIVE INCREASE IN WAGES. PRINCESS WHO SHOT ACTRESS.

Painters May Have Trouble if They Force Their Demands—Meetings Planned By the Workers.

Next year several new schedules will go into effect in Alameda county. The carpenters will have a Saturday half holiday, the bartenders will get one day's rest a week, the sheet metal workers will get an increase in their wages of 50 cents a day. The new schedule of the clerks will also go into effect. It is not, however, materially different from last year's agreement.

On April 1 the plumbers expect another increase in their pay of 50 cents a day. Last month the wages were raised from \$4 to \$4.50 for a day's work of eight hours. All helpers who have not served an apprenticeship of at least three and a half years will be discharged after the 1st of April. The plumbers are also looking for a raise of 50 cents a day, to be effective next March. The employers are opposed to the increase, however, and threaten a lockout if the men insist on the raise as their fellow craftsmen in San Francisco.

MILK WAGON DRIVERS.
The milkmen will elect officers at a special meeting to be held on Tuesday night in Becker's Hall, Washington street.

BEER BOTTLERS' DANCE.
At the next meeting of the Beer Bottlers' Union arrangements will be made for a dance to be held the latter part of next month.

TEAMSTERS.
Teamsters' Union, local No. 70, will discuss at its meeting Tuesday night the action of local No. 35 of San Francisco in refusing to abide by that section of the constitution which requires all locals to issue and accept transfer cards.

PAINTERS.
The election of officers will be the principal business at the meeting of the Painters' Union next Thursday evening.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION.
Officers will be nominated at the meeting of the Typographical Union in California Hall this evening.

DEPARTMENT COUNCILS.
The three department councils of the central labor body, the provision trades, iron trades and transportation bodies, will each hold their next meeting on Friday evening, January 3, to adopt by-laws.

BARTENDERS.
At their next meeting the bartenders will make arrangements for the dance they are to hold next month in May's Hall.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS.
The four electrical workers' unions are to hold an entertainment on January 3 at the Chutes.

WAGON MAKERS.
The wagon makers will elect officers Monday night for the ensuing term.

BUTCHERS.
Monday night the butchers will hear the report of the progress made by the hall committee towards arranging for the dance to be held in Germania hall early in February.

COOKS AND WAITERS.
Tuesday the cooks and waiters will elect officers for the ensuing year. Regular meetings have been printed and the affair will be conducted on the Australian system.

LAUNDRY WORKERS.
Monday night the laundry workers will elect officers and make final arrangements for the New Year's masquerade ball.

LABORERS' PROTECTIVE UNION.
On December 30, the last Wednesday of the month, the Laborers' Protective Union will elect officers. A number of candidates were nominated at last month's meeting and more will probably appear before the election.

TAILORS.
The newly elected officers of the Tailors' Union will be tendered a banquet on New Year's day.

RETAIL DRIVERS.
The next meeting of the Retail Delivery Wagon Drivers' Union will probably not be held until January 6. The men are all chafing to work evenings at this season of the year, so the regular Tuesday night meetings have to be abandoned for the present.

INSTALL OFFICERS.
Officers will be installed by the carpet mechanics on Thursday evening, January 7. The material teamsters will also have an installation on the same evening.

CARPENTERS.
Tonight in California Hall will be held a joint meeting of the local branches of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and the Brotherhood of Carpenters for the purpose of making arrangements for the consolidation of the two bodies. From the national headquarters was issued the following proclamation:

"On the last Saturday in December, 1903, a Joint District Council shall be organized in all cities and towns where the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners have branches.

"Each branch shall have representatives in the council, the proportion to membership, the representatives to take part in all discussions or conferences with employers relative to proper changes in the schedule of wages or hours and other trade rules."



Princess Elizabeth, who renounced her rights to the succession to the Austrian crown to marry Prince George, recently discovered an actress in some private rooms at her husband's villa and shot her. The scandal is the sensation of Europe.

UNKNOWN BODIES INSPECTOR IS AT AT MORGUE. WORK.

TWELVE WRECK VICTIMS STILL UNCLAIMED ARE BEING HELD.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 26.—There are still 12 bodies, victims of the wreck of the Duquesne Limited of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, at Dawson on Wednesday night, at the morgue in this city. Four of these are unknown and means for their identification are either entirely absent or very meagre.

The unknown dead will be kept at the morgue as long as possible and when all hope of identification is passed they will be buried here.

SENTIMENT CARDS FOR HOLIDAYS.

The holiday cards which have decked the windows of the stationery stores in this city for some time and which will remain in evidence until after New Year's, because they are intended for that festival as well as for Christmas, have attracted more attention than any which have before been displayed in public in this city. In them are displayed a fertility of design and artistic skill in execution which are really remarkable. They are evidently the work of the best artists who could be enlisted in the business. The appearance of each card is appropriate to the season, while the ornamentation appeals to the appreciation of everybody. These features in themselves would be sufficient to cause them to find favor with the public, but they have been rendered all the more worthy of appreciation by accompanying verses and stanzas, selected from the writings of poets who have displayed wonderful skill in singing of the passions and emotions. The sentiments expressed in these verses and stanzas cover every feeling of the heart such as may be expressed between husband and wife, children and parents, prospective and acknowledged lovers and friends.

These cards have made happy countless people in this section and will increase the number during the remaining days of this festive period. It is needless to say that they are the work of Rafael Tuck & Sons Co., fine art and book publishers, 122 and 124 Fifth avenue, New York City.

TREASURY STATEMENT.
WASHINGTON, December 26.—Today's statement of the treasury balance in the general fund exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows:

Available cash balances, \$226,303,128; gold, \$115,370,198.

DR. FENNER'S Kidney Backache Cure

Also Purifies the Blood.

Don't become discouraged. There is a cure for you. If necessary write Dr. Fenner. He has spent a lifetime curing just such cases as yours. All consultations are FREE.

If you had been afflicted with an aching back and severe pain across your kidneys and a burning urine for several years. Could not get out of bed without help. I could not sleep down and pick up a pin. After using Dr. Fenner's Kidney and Backache Cure I could eat and sleep and get in and out of bed as when a boy. I now feel well, work hard, sleep and eat well. GEO. WAGONER Knoxville, Tenn.

Sold by Druggists, 50c. and \$1. Ask for Dr. Fenner's Almanac or Cook Book—Free.

ST. VITUS' DANCE. We have sold many dozens of Dr. Fenner's St. Vitus' Dance Specific and every case has been cured by it. It is a blessing. ALLEN-CLARK DRUG CO. ALBANY, N.Y.

Keller's Half-Price Sale Is Now in Full Swing

IT OPENED AT 10 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING AND THERE HAS BEEN A STEADY STREAM OF PEOPLE IN AND OUT OF THE STORE ALL DAY.

EVERY BROKEN LINE IN THE HOUSE, ALL THE REMNANTS OF THE STRICTLY HOLIDAY LINES, ALL OVERSTOCKED LINES AND SEVERAL GOOD LINES THAT OVERSTOCKED MANUFACTURERS WERE GLAD TO SELL US AT A FRACTION OF THEIR VALUES—ALL ARE MARKED AT EXACTLY HALF-PRICE.

- Seasonable Underwear**
—broken lines and surplus stock.
Good 75c garments—sale price...35c
Good \$1.00 garments—sale price...50c
Good \$2.00 garments—sale price...\$1.00
All Silk Underwear—no reserve here
—at half price.
- Neckwear at Half-Price**
An immense stock, including every wearable kind of good tie.
25c values—sale price...12 1/2c
50c values—sale price...25c
\$1.00 values—sale price...50c
- Shirts at Half-Price**
Over a hundred broken lines—perhaps three thousand shirts, are in the half-price column.
1,000 stiff or negligee shirts. Sale price...50c
1,000 stiff or negligee shirts. Sale price...75c
1,600 and \$2.00 stiff or negligee shirts. Sale price...\$1.00
- Hats**
At \$1.30—Several good lines of \$2.50 and \$3.00 hats—stiff and soft.
At \$1.95—several good lines of \$4.00 and \$5.00 hats—stiff and soft.

—and so on all over the Keller store.

WE WANT IT THOROUGHLY UNDERSTOOD THAT NOT EVERYTHING IN THE KELLER STORE IS MARKED AT HALF PRICE DURING THIS SALE. WHAT WE CLAIM IS THIS—THAT WE PUT ON SALE AT HALF-PRICE, SEVERAL LINES IN EVERY DEPARTMENT SO THAT WHEN THE SALE CLOSES WE SHALL HAVE A PERFECTLY CLEAN STOCK IN EVERY SECTION OF THE STORE. THE MOST IMPLICIT FAITH CAN BE PLACED IN EVERY ADVERTISED STATEMENT FROM THIS STORE.

M. J. Keller Co
Tailors Hatters Men's Furnishers
1157-1159 Washington Street OAKLAND

NEW PRESIDENT PIRATES DEFEAT CHOSEN. THE SAILORS

L. F. LOREE WILL HEAD THE ROCK ISLAND COMPANY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—L. F. Loree, president of the Baltimore and Ohio railway, will on January 1 become president of the Rock Island Company, succeeding William E. Leeds.

Mr. Loree was chosen executive head of the Rock Island Company, which controls the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railway system, at a recent meeting of the directors, when Mr. Leeds tendered his resignation.

The latter will continue as a member of the Rock Island Company's executive committee. It is known that Mr. Loree was offered the presidency of the Rock Island Company some months ago, but he was then denied that he would leave the Baltimore and Ohio road.

BALTIMORE, December 26.—President Loree, of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, admitted when seen today that he had been chosen for the presidency of the Rock Island railroad, and that he has accepted and would enter upon his duties at once. It is understood that Vice President Murray will succeed President Loree as the official head of the Baltimore and Ohio system.

MINING MAN DIES OF PNEUMONIA.

SALIDA, Colo., December 26.—L. C. Dubois, a prominent mining man, is dead of pneumonia at his home in this city, aged 35 years. Mr. Dubois was well known in mining circles of the West and took a leading part in the development of Tonopah, Nev. He was also superintendent of a mill at Delamar, Nev., for several years. A widow and one child survive him.

REMEMBER Liberal Premiums Imperial Blend THE GREAT 25c COFFEE

NEW YORK TEA STORE 859 Broadway.

NO EVIDENCE FOR INJUNCTION. ACTION AGAINST STRIKERS.

CHICAGO, December 26.—Lack of legal evidence on which to found an injunction has caused the livery owners to abandon a plan for beginning court action to restrain their striking employees.

Every effort is being made by the associated teaming interests to compel the employees to submit all grievances to the arbitration board, but great opposition comes from small unions that want arbitration conducted by representatives of individual unions to secure a settlement with the livery drivers, was told today that a settlement was not advisable until the general arbitration board was established.

The large employers who hire drivers will meet union delegates on Wednesday, when the question of establishing the arbitration board must be settled.

WANT TO DISSOLVE THE CORPORATION.

Petition for the dissolution of the Alameda Home Builders Co-operative Association was filed with the County Clerk this morning by ten members of the association. The corporation, it is stated, is dying for lack of interest occasioned by bad luck and business competition. The petitioners ask that the affairs of the company be wound up as quickly as possible, its debts paid and the money remaining to be divided among its members, share and share alike, within ninety days from the filing of the petition.

C. M. Willard, C. Chisholm and J. C. Beckett are designated and appointed a committee with full power to wind up the affairs of the corporation. The petition sets forth that through the illness and the inability of certain of the directors to act, business competition, inability to secure more members and litigation, the outcome of which is doubtful, it is for the best interest of those concerned that the company be dissolved.

The petitioners are J. W. Ann and William Anzenhofer of Berkeley, C. Chisholm, E. A. Thompson, M. E. Dougherty, E. Rathburn, Otto Paul, L. M. Kennedy and Robert S. Green of Oakland, and W. M. Kreise of San Gregorio, San Mateo county.

WEATHER FORECAST.
SAN FRANCISCO, December 26.—San Francisco and vicinity.—This afternoon and tonight fair; Sunday fair; Sunday fair; light nor east winds.

AMERICAN GUNBOAT GOES TO COREA.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—Rear Admiral Darling, temporarily in command of the Asiatic station, cables the Navy Department announcing the departure of the gunboat Vicksburg today from Shanghai for Chemulpo, Korea, where she has been ordered at the instance of Mr. Allen, the American Minister at Seoul. The local riots at Chemulpo recently ordered the dispatch of a warship was thought necessary.

As the marine guard of the Vicksburg does not exceed half a dozen men, Rear Admiral Darling has been instructed to send a company of marines from the Philippines to Chemulpo on board the Vicksburg at Chemulpo, and it is said that they will not be landed unless American interests are further threatened.

GRAND CONCERT AND EXPOSE.
The wonderful performance of Psycho and the Apollo Player has been attracting large crowds of interested spectators to the spacious ware-room of the Girard Piano Company at Fourteenth and Broadway.

Always Remember the Full Name Laxative Bromo Quinine
Cure a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days

BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED.
WASHINGTON, December 26.—An announcement is made that bids for the new Philippine friar land loan of \$7,200,000 will be received up to 3 p.m. of January 11th, and allotments will be made February 7, 1904.

Calendar Day at Bowman's
Each one of our customers will be given ONE
Next Thursday Dec. 31st
BOWMAN & CO.
1109 Broadway near 12th 14th & Broadway 13th Ave. & E 14th st

BRYAN IS WELL ENTERTAINED.
HE IS THE GUEST OF AMBASSADOR TOWER IN BERLIN.
BERLIN, Dec. 27.—William J. Bryan was entertained at luncheon today by Ambassador Tower and called on Foreign Secretary Ribbentrop.

Emperor William has expressed regret at the fact that domestic Christmas festivities will prevent him from receiving Mr. Bryan in audience.

About one hundred American and distinguished Germans were introduced to Mr. Bryan today at the reception of the American Chamber of Commerce, given in his honor at the Hotel Bristol, after which Mr. Bryan took the night train for Amsterdam. He will sail for New York Wednesday from Liverpool on board the White Star Line steamer Celtic.

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Importers of Precious Stones Gold and Silver Smiths
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Family Club Will Hold
Its Jinks To-
night.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 26.—Tonight the Family Club holds its first pretentious Christmas row. An elaborate program has been prepared and the Christmas greetings from the pen of Superior Judge John Hunt distributed to the members.

In addition to the regulation papers by the wits and deep thinkers of the club, there is to be a minstrel show, beginning at midnight and continuing indefinitely. It is called Harry Connelley's All Star Minstrel and Specialty Company. The participants are Frank Maroney, Joe Sloan, Horace Egbert, Walley Briggs, Roy Pike, Aleck Rosborough, Ed. Lynn, Tom Pike, Jack Noyes, Vale Blackwell, Seth Mann, Ben Lathrop, A. Muller, Miles Gorgas and Charles Reynolds.

Judson C. Brush, author of I. O. U., is the Santa Claus and Dick Hotelling is to deliver the invocation of the spirit of Charles Dickens. Judge Kerrigan, Captain Wilson and Dr. Arnold are down for papers.

Here is Judge Hunt's greeting to the children of the family:

"At Christmas play, and make good

cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year."

"Christmas is night! Prepare ye then to welcome it; for it cometh in gentle mood, clad not in the bleak habiliments of Winter, but garbed rather in the mellow glory of Indian Summer.

"The heritage is green upon our hills; the orange tree is rich in bud and blossom; the brook, exempt from icy fetters, murmurs o'er the pebbles. The ice hangs not in the fountain; the meadow is mantled in green; the leaves sparkle not with the jeweled splendor of the frost; the blossoms sleep not beneath the white drift; for, though upon our mountains the snow never melts, yet in our valleys the rose never fades.

Wherefore, children and brothers all; in our happy clime it behooves us to make glad the Christmas Day; to cultivate the Christmas spirit; to yield to its hallowed and gracious influence; to drop the curtain of our mind upon the Drama of Manhood and raise it upon the Festival of Youth; to be children again—children who believe that of all the saints in the calendar the greatest of all is Santa Claus.

Therefore, in the name of Santa

Claus, I send ye Christmas greeting, and bid ye on the evening of Saturday, the twenty-sixth day of December, at nine o'clock, to meet for Christmas observance at the family fireside—the fireside, at the chimney of which the smoke shall rise like incense to hospitality; the hearth where, in the words of Dick Swiveller, "The fire of soul is kindled at the taper of civility, and the wing of friendship never moults a feather."

Furthermore, I bid ye note the pleasures that await ye, viz: the Wassail Bowl, the Carols of the Waits, the harmony of the orchestra, the Christmas papers, and lastly the good cheer of the banquet.

Come then and help us light the yule log with the flame of kindly feeling, generous sentiment and good fellowship.

And so, Children of the Family, Midnight Sons and Babes in the Woods, I give you all a Merry Christmas, and, in the words of Tiny Tim in Christmas Carol,

"God Bless us all, every one."

JOHN HUNT.

Young Corbett, the champion feather-

weight pug of the world, a quite as successful in his conquests of the fair sex as he is in his ring contests. There is a story going the rounds now about a dashing widow from Denver who has chased the miniature Jeffries across the continent in hopes of wooing him from the roped arena. But who he lady is has been thus far carefully concealed.

Corbett is a queer little fellow and for a prize fighter unusually compassionate. He loves music and any man or woman with a good voice can get him to burr wine just as long as they care to sing. He has a mania for faro and is ever ready to risk the entire winnings of a battle against the cards. For money he has no use and as a result he is constantly short of funds. You can always bet that he is broke when he signs to fight.

The chief interest in the coming battle for the world's championship between Corbett and Hanlon is the squabble over the referee. Hanlon declares that he will have none of Eddie Graney, while Corbett is anxious to have Graney. Hanlon declares that the horse-shoe gave him the worst of it in his former fight with Corbett. That will be declared a draw and at the time the decision was deemed very satisfactory, but now Han-

lon claims he was bounced out of the decision.

He wants Dick Wolf or Eddie Smith to act as umpire. Phil Ward would also be acceptable but as Ward was mixed up in a couple of scraps that looked a bit screwy people who are desirous of conducting fights on a clean basis are shy about having him identified with their contests.

Hanlon says it is his father who will not tolerate Graney, but the sporting gents declare that someone is making a fall guy out of the pug's father in this matter. In the meantime Graney's friends are doing all in their power to have him decide the go. He is now recognized throughout the country as the foremost referee this side of the big pond.

I don't think Corbett will stand for anyone but Graney as he is afraid of getting the double cross. All of the sure thing-men in town are trying to frame it up so that Corbett will get the worst of it.

They are predicting his defeat. Corbett knows this and in consequence is more than anxious to have a square referee.

The opening of the new Tivoli was quite as big a success as predicted by the

press agents. The house is unusually large, the ground area of the auditorium being apparently of much greater dimensions than the Grand Opera House. The decorations in white and gold intensify the obvious spaciousness of the play house. While the theater is all that can be desired for the sort of shows scheduled by the management, the opening performance was a rather sorry affair.

They will have to give better shows at the Tivoli than "Ixion" if they want to make the new house a success. Doc Leahy, the manager, promises to put on a lot of the old operas in very fine style and incidentally he is fitting with a big grand opera company now playing in Mexico. At the head of this company is one of the most famous sopranos that Italy has produced. Will Greenbaum is also trying to get this company for the Alhambra.

The new arrangements at the Tivoli are a bit unique, inasmuch as the Orpheum people have twenty-nine per cent of the stock. Mrs. Krelling retains the controlling interest, however, as fifty-one per cent of the stock is in her name.

The Christmas business here wasn't as big as the merchants not only expected but predicted. I understand the

stores that cater to the middle classes fell far short of their estimated sales. The institutions that cater exclusively to the rich did a tremendous business, both in the jewelry and the ladies' furnishings lines.

The admittedly cheap stores had a pretty hard time of it.

E. Barry Lenhart, the baseball sharp of "The Examiner," is the hero of the only real good hard-fought story that I have here during the holidays. Lenhart very carefully read each installment of "Jane Greenwood's Money," the serial published in "The Bulletin," in hopes of finding one of the seven bags of gold.

When the last chapter was published Wednesday evening he had solved the mystery and discovered the hiding place of some of the money. To a friend he confided his find and announced that he would get the stuff the next day, but that night on the way home he picked up a nail and was unable to get up Thursday morning to go and get the gold. He had his eyes open just long enough about half past four in the afternoon to read that another person had gone to the house where the bag of money was hidden and carried it away. Lenhart guessed the hiding place of two of the bags of coin.

THE KNAVE.

COLD SNAP IS FELT IN
EASTERN CITIES.

Eight Degrees Below Zero in Chicago—
People Suffer From the
Cold in Many Places.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., December 26.—From 15 degrees above yesterday noon the temperature dropped today to 8 degrees below zero, the coldest in two years. The Wabash river is frozen over, and much damage has resulted from the high wind.

DROP IN TEMPERATURE.

LA CROSSE, Wis., December 26.—A drop in temperature of 30 degrees from twenty-four hours occurred here, and today the Government thermometer registered 15 below. A penetrating north wind made it the most disagreeable day of the winter, and charitable organizations were besieged by pleas for fuel from the poor.

FIVE DEGREES BELOW.

KANSAS CITY, December 26.—The temperature in Western Missouri today averaged 5 degrees above zero, with a strong wind blowing. In Kansas and Oklahoma mild weather prevailed, the temperature ranging from 5 degrees above zero in Eastern Kansas to 35 above at the Colorado state line.

MERCURY AWAY DOWN.

ST. PAUL, December 26.—Sixteen degrees below zero was the record at the Weather Bureau today. At Win-

nipeg, Minn., the mercury went down to 30 degrees below, but is now rising and warmer weather is in sight in the Northwest. The cold here was accompanied by a piercing wind, which made it more intense during the night.

EIGHT BELOW IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, December 26.—The crest of a cold wave, eastbound, reached Chicago today. The minimum temperature here was 8 below zero. Trains, as a result of the cold, were generally unable to maintain schedule time.

ZERO WEATHER.

OMAHA, Neb., December 26.—Zero weather prevailed over the greater part of Nebraska and Western Iowa at 5 o'clock. The mercury began to rise later with prospects of warmer weather. At midnight the thermometer reached 6 below zero.

FOURTEEN BELOW ZERO.

DES MOINES, Iowa, December 26.—Two degrees below zero was recorded at the Weather Bureau today. At Dubuque the mercury went to 14 below, and at Davenport a mark of 12 below was registered. The cold here was accompanied by a disagreeable, raw wind, which made it more intense during the night.

WILL NOT TALK
GLAD HAND FOR A
COMPROMISE.
RUSSIAN.

BROTHER OF THE LATE MRS.
CHARLES FAIR ARRIVES
AT BOULDER.

DENVER, Dec. 26.—A special to the Republican from Boulder, Colo., says: William B. Smith of Newmarket, N. J., brother of the late Mrs. Charles Fair, has just arrived in this city to visit his brother, Charles J. Smith. When asked if it were true that he came here for the purpose of considering with his brother any proposition to compensate by accepting \$25,000 each in settlement of their claim to the Fair estate, he answered in the negative, and said that he had come merely to visit his brother for a few days.

GOVERNOR CAN
ISSUE PASSPORTS.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—The President has delegated to the Governor of Hawaii authority to issue passports. This is the only case of a governor being given such authority and the action is taken to meet the exigencies in that quarter.

WINDOW GLASS COMPANY.

TRENTON, N. J., December 26.—The Manufacturers' Window Glass Company, capitalized at \$1,000,000, was incorporated today. The company is to manufacture window glass and glassware of every description. Incorporators: I. C. Davis, B. A. MacFayden and W. L. Vance, all of Camden, N. J.

ITALY IS ANXIOUS TO BE FRIEND-
LY WITH THE
CZAR.

ROME, Dec. 26.—Prince Ourosouff, the new Russian ambassador to Italy, has arrived here. The press welcomes him to Rome and expresses the hope that he will succeed in re-establishing the intimate relations between Russia and Italy, which were disturbed by the abandonment of the proposed visit of the Czar to Rome. The first reached a velocity of 50 miles an hour, while a heavy blinding snow fell to the depth of several inches. Railway traffic is delayed owing to the heavy snow storm.

FIRST BLIZZARD
OF THE SEASON.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 26.—The first real blizzard of the winter is reported from various points in Ohio to have prevailed last night and today. The thermometer went down to zero and the wind reached a velocity of 50 miles an hour, while a heavy blinding snow fell to the depth of several inches. Railway traffic is delayed owing to the heavy snow storm.

THREE MEN ARE
DROWNED IN BOSTON.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Three men were drowned today by the sinking of a dredge in the channel between Deep Island and Nix's Mate in Boston harbor. Twelve others were rescued.

SHE IS POPULAR IN SOCIETY AT BERKELEY.



MISS VIRGINIA KASHLIEN.
(Photo Bushnell.)

Miss Virginia Kashlien is one of the charming girls of Berkeley. She has a large circle of friends in the college town and her home is often the scene of delightful informal gatherings. She belongs to a number of clubs, and is quite a social favorite.

KRATZ WILL BE MISSING
EXTRADITED.

ST. LOUIS BOODLER WILL BE
BROUGHT BACK FOR
TRIAL.

CITY OF MEXICO, December 26.—President Diaz, acting upon the request of the American Ambassador and upon hearing the evidence submitted in the case, has conceded to the United States authorities the extradition of Charles Kratz, a former member of the St. Louis City Council, wanted in that city on a charge of bribery in connection with street car franchise legislation.

UNKNOWN MAN IS
CRUSHED TO DEATH.

STOCKTON, Cal., December 26.—An unknown laboring man was killed at Tracy this morning by falling from the platform of a Southern Pacific train under the car wheels. He was horribly mangled and death was almost instantaneous. The man was from Banta and was on a spree. The coroner has gone after the remains.

WILL OPEN SOON.

Proprietor Charlie Kucks Jr. and Manager Sam Mendelson are doing their utmost to get their new pay-house in readiness for the grand opening within a fortnight. The location on Twelfth street, between Broadway and Washington, could not be more central. The Lyric when opened, will bid for its share of the public patronage by giving as fine a vaudeville show as ever presented hereabouts.

WILL ATTEND THE
HIGH SCHOOL.

NAMES OF THOSE WHO PASSED
GRAMMAR GRADE
EXAMINATION.

The County Board of Education held a short session this morning and announced the names of the successful ones who had passed their examination for promotion from the Fruitvale grammar school to the High School. There were a number of complimentary things said about the class by the examiners reflecting credit on both teachers and pupils. Those promoted were as follows: Walter Bell, Duval Batsford, Frank Cook, Amy Dinkelspiel, Sam Dinkelspiel, Virginia Glenn, Alice Hagman, Susie Kramer, Tom Murray, Florence McKnight, Helen Peterson, Virginia Plingson, Robert Todd, Gordon Wagner, Norman Worum, Gertrude Worum, Annette Holtz, Planché Shock and Fred Heydenfeldt.

The following certificates were granted: Grammar grade—L. C. Bleh. Primary grammar grade—David Williams, E. C. S. Dunbar, R. M. Edwards, M. M. Campbell, J. F. Chandler. Renewal of High School—John W. Young. Recommendation to State Board for Grammar School life diploma—Gertrude Brown.

POOR CHILDREN
WERE CARED FOR.

The hearts of the poor children of the Latin quarter of San Francisco were made glad yesterday afternoon through the efforts of the International Society of Human Endeavor which was founded by Doctor O. N. O'low, the eminent philanthropist. Washington Square Hall, corner of Stockton and Union streets, San Francisco, had been converted into a fairy land. Here between 2 o'clock in the afternoon and 8 o'clock in the evening over 1000 children were entertained.

There were eight large Christmas trees, handsomely decorated and lighted which were hung not only with toys and confections but with useful necessities of life in the way of dresses, suits of clothes, shoes, etc. The children were delighted with their entertainment and feast and many a poor mother tendered her thanks to the good doctor with tears flowing from her eyes. This Christmas celebration was the second of its kind given by the society and which will be continued during future years. Each year a different section of the city will be selected to give good cheer to the poor of that particular locality.

ITALY RECOGNIZES
PANAMA REPUBLIC.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—Acting Secretary of State Loomis has been notified by the Italian Embassy that the Government of Italy has recognized the new Republic of Panama.

WOMAN IS FOUND.

An old Italian woman was arrested by Constable Tom Carroll this morning in Berkeley. She says she is lost, and unable to tell where she lives or whom her people are. In fact she says she has no family. She is apparently about seventy or eighty years of age. Carroll said that he found her wandering about in the outskirts of Berkeley. She told him she lived in Washington Township but could locate her home no closer. She speaks English very little and it is hard to understand anything she says. Owing to the fact that there had been no complaint sworn out against her she was held in the County Jail pending an investigation of her case.

JAPAN NEGOTIATING FOR
MORE WARSHIPS.

Minister Declares That Government
is Simply Taking Precau-
tionary Measures.

LONDON, December 26.—Japan is negotiating for the purchase of two Chilean warships, the armored cruiser Esmeralda and another, probably the battleship Capitan Prat, which are for sale. It is now only a matter of price. Negotiations with other South American governments for the purchase of warships are also in progress. Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, said in a representative of the Associated Press today, relative to these negotiations:

"We want more warships. Of course this is only a precautionary measure, and it may be a lot of expense all for nothing. I have no indication of the nature of the Russian reply. Personally, I scarcely expect it will be delivered for some little time."

"There is no truth whatever in the report that Japan's last note stipulated a time limit."

Asked about the dispatch from Berlin of December 21, saying the British government reported to the Czar that Great Britain "deemed Japan's demands just and earnestly expected that Russia would grant them," Baron Hayashi, while he was not aware of the precise action taken by Great Britain

at St. Petersburg said: "The British government is well aware that Japan will be obliged to go to war unless Russia modifies the position she has taken in her last note."

At the foreign office here nothing is yet known of the probable nature of the Russian reply.

During the recent exchanges of communications between Russia and Japan, the former fully recognized the need to the presence of a strong military authority in Korea and Japan, and Japan was in the best position to promptly send troops to the disturbed points.

The sending of the troops, nevertheless, is construed as having an important bearing on the present negotiations, as it will be the first conspicuous evidence of Japan's actual exercise of paramount authority over Korea. It is further said in the same quarter that the preparations for this expedition are the cause of the recent great activity at the Japanese armaments and dock yards, which it is asserted has been enormously increased in preparation against Russia.

Information has also been received here that Foreign Minister Lamsonoff has personally received Japan's reply, and that in view of its terms, he is said to have expressed surprise at the reports of Japan's belittling attitude. This, it is added, is regarded as clearly showing the attitude of the Japanese government in the negotiations now proceeding.

SENATOR WAS
NOT GUILTY

TOOK NO PART IN LEASING
BUILDING TO THE
GOVERNMENT.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—Following a long conference today with Senator Warren of Wyoming, regarding the latter's interest in a building leased for the Government for the Postoffice at Cheyenne, Wyo., Postmaster-General Payne intimated that the case was closed.

He said that before the expiration of a previous lease on March 1, 1899, the lessors wanted the rent raised from \$1400 to \$1900, which Postmaster-General Charles Emory Smith deemed exorbitant, and he caused an investigation to be made.

According to the records, an agent for Senator Warren, in the Senator's absence, then executed a lease for a building affording much better quarters for \$1200 a year, for ten years, beginning April 1, 1899.

Mr. Payne said this would have saved the Government in ten years \$7000.

The Postoffice probably will remain in its present quarters until the completion of a Government building at Cheyenne, which is expected to be ready for occupancy probably by July next.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS.

A. E. Passmore of the Moline-Bain Company of Portland, Ore., and formerly secretary and treasurer of the Oakland Carriage and Implement Company is visiting his family at 1230 Magnolia street. He will remain here until about the 1st of January. Mr. Passmore has many friends in this section, where he resided for some time before he left for the north.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ADMIT
THAT THEY WILL SOON
BE USED.

SQUADRONS ENJOY
CHRISTMAS VACATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—War Department officials admit that the transport Summer and McClellan at New York, as well as the Sherman, Buford and Crook, at San Francisco, are being fitted out for active service.

The two vessels at New York have been in a state of readiness for several weeks, but so far no calls have been made for them.

It is expected that one of them will be utilized in bringing to the United States the artillery pieces now stationed near Havana and at Santiago de Cuba.

Primarily all of these transports are intended for the Manila service.

SNOW IN BOSTON.

BOSTON, December 26.—A heavy northeast snowstorm began here today. The strong wind driving in from the sea contributed to conditions resembling a blizzard.



NEWS FROM BERKELEY AND THE STATE UNIVERSITY

IS COLLECTING SOILS FOR CLUB FOR SOUTH WAITING FOR THE LESSON FOR THE CONFERENCE IS OPENED AT WORLD'S FAIR. BOND ELECTION. U. C. BOYS. PACIFIC GROVE.

Professor R. H. Loughridge of the University of California Taking Samples in the South.

BERKELEY, December 26.—Professor R. H. Loughridge of the University of California has already started the collection of soils for the St. Louis Exposition and at present is carrying on the work in the south. According to reports received from the south he is at present taking samples of the soil in the J. H. Ross orange orchard.

The method of taking the soils is to bore down fifteen feet into the ground with a six-inch auger. After the sample of soil is taken from each specimen, the auger is removed and the soil is packed in a tin. These samples will be analyzed and the results will be published.

CITIZENS WILL ORGANIZE TO IMPROVE THEIR SECTION OF THE CITY.

BERKELEY, December 26.—With the rapid growth of South Berkeley has come the steps for the organization of an improvement club in that section of the city. The club is to be started by a number of business men, property owners and representative citizens in the extreme southern portion of the city who feel that a number of matters in their portion of the city need immediate attention.

One of the policies of the new organization will be to have cement walks laid and streets paved wherever they are needed. A number of additional electric lights are wanted in the southern portion of the city, and concerted effort will be made to secure them.

A NUMBER OF CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS ARE NOW BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE.

BERKELEY, December 26.—The outcome of the agitation to secure bonds for civic improvements will be awaited with interest during the few months by persons interested in a number of projects for the betterment of the city. In the meantime all efforts to secure needed improvements are at a standstill.

The Citizens' General Committee, organized more than a year ago for the purpose of introducing municipal training into the schools is now biding all its efforts to secure in appropriation of \$50,000 from the bonds. Should the agitation reach a successful issue, classes in manual training will be established in all the grammar schools.

EXPERT SAYS THAT CARLISTE INDIANS COULD DEFEAT COLLEGE ELEPHANTS.

BERKELEY, December 26.—The one topic of discussion in the athletic circles of the University today was the phenomenal showing made by the Carlisle Indians in their game against the All-California team yesterday afternoon. One of the highest athletic authorities in the University says that the Indians could easily have killed a score of 20 to 0 against either of the best "varsities" who were in the best of condition. In fact, he went so far as to state with a good deal of decision that the sturdy redmen could easily defeat a team composed of the eleven best men picked from both of the college teams. The statements made by the University man were so radical that he did not care to have his name appear with any statement involving the Indians.

University of California is Represented at Annual Y. M. C. A. Gathering By Forty Students.

BERKELEY, Dec. 26.—The University of California Young Men's Christian Association is represented by forty delegates at the Students' Conference that opened today at Pacific Grove. These representatives form but a small part of the gathering as delegates have gathered from not only the leading institutions of California but from Nevada and Arizona as well. Stanford University sent twenty-five delegates, the University of Southern California, Pomona College and Occidental College each have ten men. Whittier College is represented at the gathering for the first time with two men. The initial step in this direction is also being taken by California College in East Oakland and the State Normal School at Los Angeles. Representatives are also present from the Universities of Washington and Oregon.

A special feature of this year's conference will be the attractive outings and sports planned for the afternoon. Besides the morning sessions and the afternoon sessions, there will be a number of athletic contests, including a foot race, basketball, tennis, tennis matches and cross-country runs.

MRS. PROWSE IS INJURED.

SHE WAS KICKED BY VICIOUS HORSE AT HAY. WARDS.

HAYWARD, Dec. 26.—Mrs. L. Prowse was seriously injured by a horse yesterday afternoon while about to start for a drive. A friend had driven up to the horse block in front of her house to take Mrs. Prowse in the buggy. Just as Mrs. Prowse was walking around in front of the horse to get into the carriage, the animal reared and struck her in the head with his hoofs, knocking her down. The injured woman and carried by Tom Marshall home and carried to her house on H street. Dr. F. W. Bowman was called, who found that although no bones had been broken, the head was severely lacerated above the eyes. The victim was later removed to her home.

NEW MATERIAL FOR THE TRACK TEAM.

BERKELEY, December 26.—The University of California track team is

SALVATIONISTS SHUT OUT UNDESERVING.

BERKELEY, December 26.—The army of tramps and other undeserving people who usually flock to the Christmas dinners given by the Salvation Army were shut out yesterday, for instead of giving on great scale, the religious workers distributed bread to a long list of needy families. Great bundles of staple products were distributed to needy families, and the more formal spread was greatly missed by those who usually congregate at such affairs.

SUITS OF FOOTBALL MEN WENT ASTRAY.

BERKELEY, Dec. 26.—As an aftermath of the football game between the Berkeley High School football team and the Santa Clara team, the suits of the players went astray. The suits of the players went astray, and the players were left in a state of confusion. The suits of the players went astray, and the players were left in a state of confusion.

DEATH ENTERS FAMILY ON CHRISTMAS.

BERKELEY, Dec. 26.—Robert A. Fisher, the husband of Mrs. Josephine Fisher, died yesterday at his residence 2445 South Alameda street. He was a native of Milford, Ohio, and was 61 years of age.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER IS VISITING IN GRASS VALLEY.

BERKELEY, December 26.—Miss Helen Curtis, teacher of English in the Berkeley High School, is visiting her parents in Grass Valley.

BED-MAKING A NEW STUDY.

The physical culture curriculum of the wise men at the University of California is now taking in the making of beds. At first the boys of whom the physical culture department is composed thought that the boys would be made to do it for their own good, but they all say they like it. Sharon Hill, the physical culture instructor, is the one who is making the beds.

RARE VOLUME BRINGS \$3000.

Shelley's "Original Poetry" by Victor and Charles, one of the rarest volumes known to bibliophiles, was sold yesterday at a public sale for \$3000. The volume is a first edition, and is in excellent condition. It was sold by Mr. W. C. Brown, of New York City.

CHRISTMAS OF THE VOLUNTEERS.

Christmas was a happy, though a very busy day with the Volunteers of America. The greater part of the day was spent in distributing baskets of provisions to needy families. They were fortunate in finding those who had not received anything from any other source. Only two out of the large number who receive aid from the Volunteers have not received anything from any other source. This evening there will be a Christmas party in the gymnasium, and the Volunteers will be present.

Journalism in Russia.

Reading a newspaper in Russia is a very different thing from what it is in this country. The Russian government spends more or less on the press, and the result is that the press is not free. The Russian government spends more or less on the press, and the result is that the press is not free.

HAYWARDS, SAN LEANDRO, EMERYVILLE, FRUITVALE, GOLDEN GATE

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EVERY PLACE OF BUSINESS WAS CLOSED—NEWS NOTES.

EMERYVILLE, Dec. 26.—Yesterday was one of the quietest days of the year in Emeryville. Every place of business was closed all day with the exception of the post office, which closed at 12 o'clock. The residents of the town spent the day quietly at home and there was nothing of a social nature taking place. During the afternoon many went to the bay to take in the football game and the races.

WORKS CLOSED DOWN.

The Judson works were completely shut down yesterday and all of the day were put out. Usually on holidays and Sundays the fires were kept going, but a few men are kept at work but this was not the case yesterday.

SANTA FE TRAINS.

The arrival of a construction train at the Santa Fe yard, where it was found that the yard was a complete mess. The yard was a complete mess, and the train was found to be in a state of confusion.

IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED.

The work of rebuilding portions of the tracks at the Santa Fe yard is now completed. The work was completed, and the tracks are now in a state of confusion.

OIL FOR THE BODY.

You can't lose an atom without feeling it. The body is like an engine, a watch, a machine; must be kept in good order to run right. That's the reason Scott's Emulsion is so successful in all wasting diseases. It feeds, nourishes and strengthens where ordinary food won't. Doctors say Scott's Emulsion is the best nourishment for those who are not as well as they should be—young or old.

HAYWARD MERCHANTS REPORT A MOST PROSPEROUS YEAR.

HAYWARD, Dec. 26.—The local merchants report that during the past year their business has been very good. Most of them are looking over their books for 1903, and find that it was a most prosperous year. One merchant reports that his business has grown 50 per cent during the year. Expenses, however, have kept up with the increase in sales.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Spiritual Christmas services were held yesterday at the Episcopal and Catholic churches. The services were held, and the churches were in a state of confusion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The Sunday School children of the Episcopal church will have their annual Christmas festival tomorrow. The festival will be held, and the children will be in a state of confusion.

FUNERAL OF SUICIDE.

The funeral of the late E. H. Drews was held today at 10 o'clock from his home at 1200 Broadway. The funeral was held, and the body was in a state of confusion.

THE TROUBLE WITH THE WORLD.

We hear of crimes unnumbered and we shudder as we read. And off we get to thinking that the outlook is dark indeed. But the old world isn't going to come to an end. There's no reason why good people should be talked about—that's all. —Chicago Record-Herald.

FRUITVALE CARPENTERS TO GIVE FIRST ENTERTAINMENT IN NEW HALL.

FRUITVALE, Dec. 26.—This evening in the new hall at the corner of Fremont and Alameda streets, the carpenters of Fruitvale are giving their first social function. A fine platform has been built at the end of the hall, and the hall is decorated with palms and electric lights. A program of recitations, songs and instrumental music will be given by the carpenters. The hall will be closed at midnight.

CONCEALING AT INFIRMARY.

The band of the League of the Cross, Cadets from San Francisco will give a concert at the County Infirmary on New Year's day.

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Andrew Roberts has sold his bicycle shop to Frederick and Thomas Martin. The shop was sold, and the business was in a state of confusion.

COITAGE BUILDING.

Contractor Joseph Fields has the frame up on the lots which he is to build on with William Morgan at Castro street and Broadway.

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J. Harvey, the Alameda street man, has rented the Herscher store in Centerville.

PERSONAL.

Robert Morgan was in Oakland yesterday. Manuel Enos is ill at his home on Water street. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Wood and two children of Hayward were in town yesterday.

REMAINS OF JOHN GORMAN LAID AWAY IN ST. MARY'S.

SAN LEANDRO, December 26.—The funeral of the late John Gorman was held today from his late residence corner of Ward and Hay avenues. A solemn requiem mass was celebrated at 10 o'clock at St. Mary's church, the pastor, Rev. Father W. J. O'Mahony, officiating. The funeral was a most impressive one, and the remains were laid to rest in St. Mary's cemetery.

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FUNERAL OF SAN HOLIDAY TRAFFIC PEOPLE HAPPY AT DEATH ENDS HER LEANDRO MAN. HEAVY. MASONIC HOME SUFFERING.

EMERYVILLE, December 26.—The holiday traffic yesterday and in fact all the week was unprecedented in the history of the Haywards Division of the Oakland Transit Company. All the cars were crowded yesterday to their utmost capacity, passengers being packed inside or compelled to hang on to the outside with one hand. The cars ran on Sunday, except that there were no swings from Twenty-third avenue to the San Lorenzo Junction. So many of the carmen wanted to have a holiday that they were unable to run the usual extra Sunday cars.

ENTERTAINED CHRISTMAS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Duff of Union avenue entertained several Oakland and San Francisco friends at Christmas dinner yesterday. Covers were laid for six.

MUSICAL CLEVER TONIGHT.

The Embers, Madeline Gil will hold a regular meeting this evening. There will be a special Christmas service at the Presbyterian church tomorrow.

PERSONAL.

Conductor Edward Maxwell and Motorman Nelly of the Haywards division of the Oakland Transit laid off yesterday to their homes.

WILL BUILD RESIDENCE.

J. A. Coderon, the blind man of this place, has purchased a block of land not far from the school house, and is preparing to build as fine a house as there is in the town upon it.

PERSONAL MENTION.

George Garshere, a former resident of this place, visited his old friends here last Sunday.

CHRISTMAS BROUGHT JOY TO LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

DECATO, December 26.—Christmas at the Masonic Home here delighted both old and young. There never were so many happy people as the inmates of the Home yesterday. A large Christmas tree was erected in a large room of the Home and Christmas eve it was ablaze with candles and laden with presents and food. No one was forgotten. From the oldest to the youngest they each received gifts suitable to their age and needs, and yesterday their lives were filled with pleasure.

BAZAAR A SUCCESS.

A successful meeting of the Decato bazaar was held at the home of Mrs. C. C. Whipple this week. A large assortment of fancy work was displayed for sale and the attendance was good. Nearly everything was sold and a net sum was realized by the ladies engaged in the work.

HAY BEING SHIPPED.

Hay stored in the warehouses here last summer for winter use is now being drawn upon and large quantities of it are being shipped away. Little impression, however, seems to have been made on the contents of the barns.

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MRS. FINCK DIES AT GOLDEN GATE—SHE WAS AN OLD RESIDENT.

GOLDEN GATE, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Madeline Finck passed away at her home on the Golden Gate. She was an old resident of the city and was well known to many of the residents. She was 80 years of age and had lived in the city for many years.

STONES LOST.

All of the stones of the Haywards division of the Oakland Transit Company were lost yesterday. The stones were lost, and the company was in a state of confusion.

CHURCH TOPICS.

Mrs. Charles Edmond, formerly of the Golden Gate, will speak at the Golden Gate Methodist Episcopal church, near Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. As Mrs. Edmond is a most interesting speaker, this will be a most interesting service.

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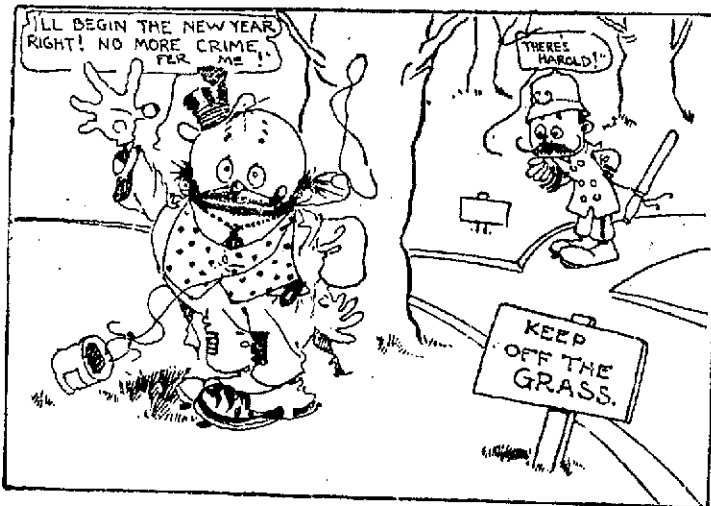
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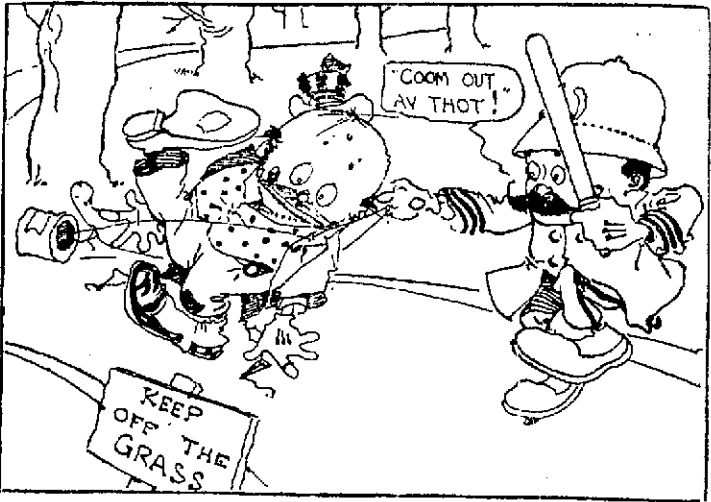
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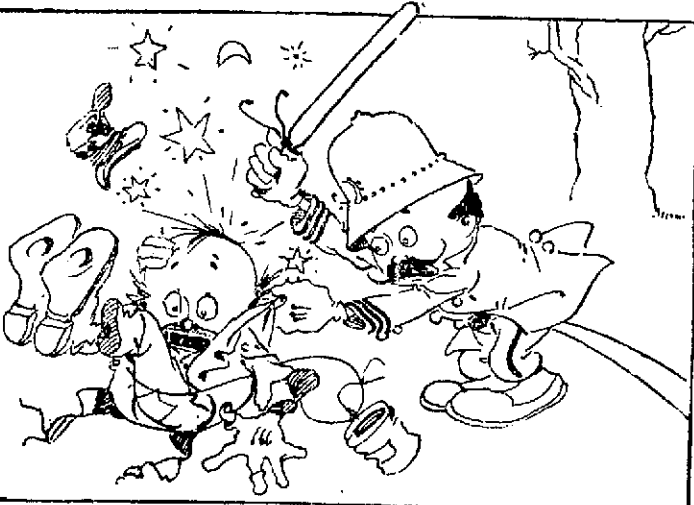
HOLDUP HAROLD.
He Makes a Futile New Year Resolution.



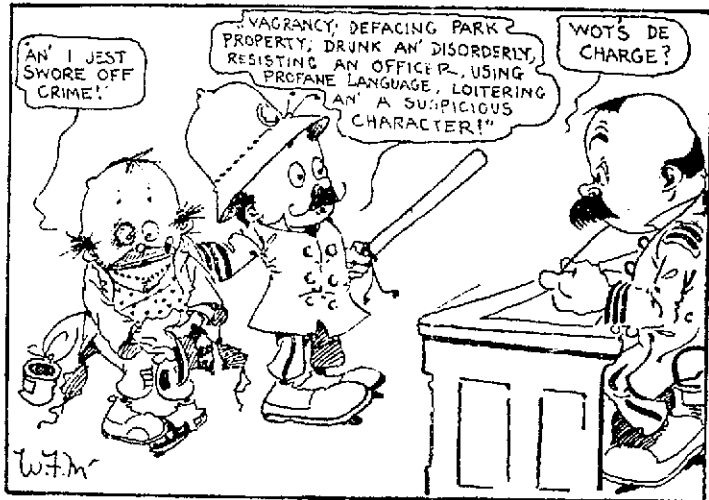
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USELESS.

Miss Ann Tooke-Rose, why don't you hang up some mistletoe?
Rose Brada—What is the use, nuntty. I don't need it, and it wouldn't do you any good!



The New Year—You'll have to move on, old man.



THE QUAIN OLD CUSTOM.

"I wish you would swear off drinking this year," pleaded the fond wife.
"I will," agreed the brutal husband.
"But I mean to swear off drinking, and then not drink any more."
"My darling, how could I swear off drinking each New Year's if I actually stopped?"

THE FLIGHT OF TIME.



Old Maid—Turn backward, turn backward, oh! Time in thy flight.



Father Time—I've done it, but didn't expect to tonight.



AN AWKWARD EXCUSE.

She pouted angrily.
"I think you are just horrid," she said. "I stood under the mistletoe for five minutes, and you did nothing but stand and look at me with a puzzled air."
"But," he protested, "I am so nearsighted that I couldn't tell whether it was—"
"Whether it was mistletoe—"
"Whether it was you or not!"



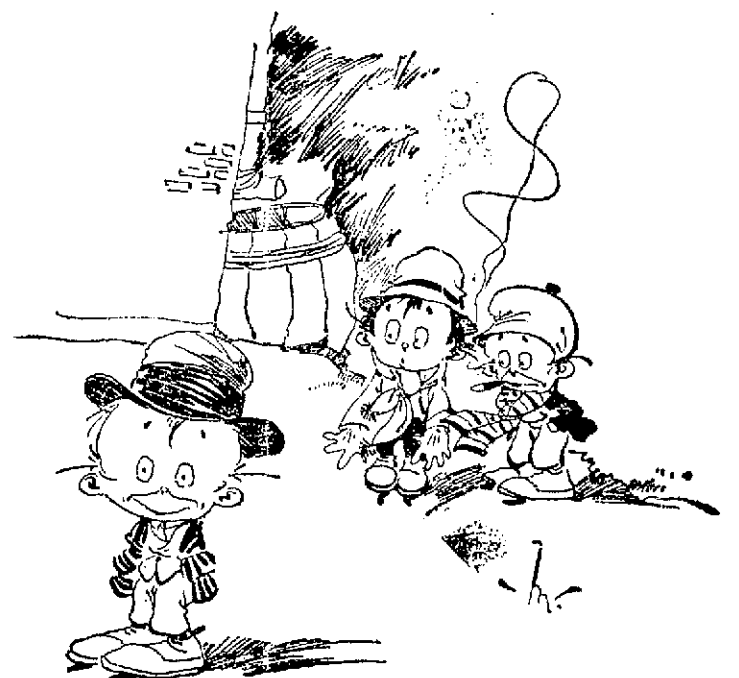
LEAP YEAR.

"Why, Boozalot has just gone into that saloon. Thought he had sworn off."
"So he had, but five girls proposed to him before noon the first of January and he can't stand prosperity."

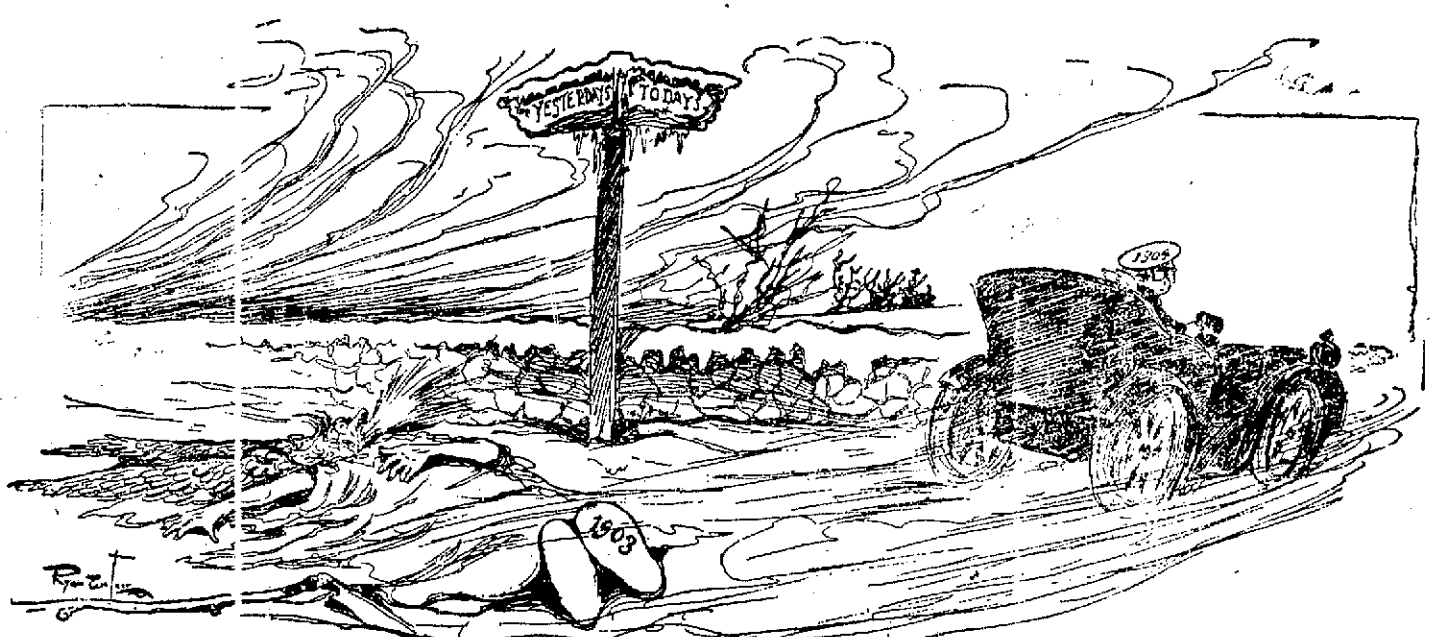


WHAT SHE DISLIKED.

"Now, my dear," said the gentle husband to his loving wife, "I wish you would think over my little foibles and indicate those which you would like me to swear off of the first of the year."
"Well, my angel," cooed the fond wife, "I do wish you would stop losing your hair. I cannot say that I like your habit of growing bald every year."



"Yep, he's tickled cause he didn't git nuthin' on Chris'mas."
"How's dat?"
"His pa got too full ter give him de lickin' he'd promised him."



The New Year—When I turned into the road I hit something!